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PLO demand for PoW status rejected

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The prime minister's spokesman Uri Porat last night rejected a PLO offer to release eight Israeli soldiers in return for giving Prisoner of War status to the thousands of Palestinians held in Israel and at Ansar detention camp in South Lebanon.

PLO chief of operations Khalil el-Wazir (Abu Jihad) said on Jordan television last night that the eight Israeli soldiers captured in Lebanon last September were alive and that their mothers would eventually be allowed to visit them.

"We are ready to release the Israeli prisoners if Israel announces that it will treat our prisoners as Prisoners of War," he said.

But Porat last night reiterated Israel's refusal to change the status of the prisoners. "The PLO is a terrorist organization in every sense of the word," he told *The Jerusalem Post*. "Anyone belonging to such a criminal organization cannot enjoy the privileges of a Prisoner of War. The PLO never fought in accordance with the rules of an international convention, so it does not merit any benefits such a convention accords," he added.

Speaking on Jordan TV's Hebrew-language programme, Abu Jihad sought to dispel fears that two of the prisoners had been killed. In an interview with the French news agency Agence France Press last week, he said that two prisoners were killed recently when the IDF opened fire on the car in which they were being driven.

In another interview with the AFP, in Amman yesterday, Abu Jihad said that the two dead Israelis had been captured on February 15 with the help of a Phalangist named Michael Geagea. The two, along with Geagea and two Palestinians, were killed when an Israeli tank opened fire on their car near Monte Verde.

The IDF spokesman dismissed his story as another attempt at psychological warfare. The number of missing soldiers had not increased

since September, when the eight were captured near Behamoud. The spokesman said. He added that in the past two months there had been no clash in which the IDF fired at a car and killed five men. In the incident at Monte Verde, two terrorists and a Lebanese civilian driver they had kidnapped tried to attack an Israeli checkpoint and were killed. There were only three persons in the car and all had been identified by the IDF and the Lebanese Army, the spokesman added.

Abu Jihad succeeded in disturbing the mothers of the eight prisoners. "I didn't believe (his) report but still I had a sleepless night," Miriam Grof said. Yosef Grof, 21, and Nissim Salem, 20, are held by Ahmed Jibril's PLO splinter group. They have not been seen since they were captured.

The six held by Fatah have been interviewed over television, have exchanged letters with their families and as late as last Tuesday were examined by Red Cross doctors. Their mothers said they were well.

Addressing a press conference in Tel Aviv on Friday, the eight mothers noted that a month ago Abu Jihad had invited Miriam Grof and Sophie Salem to visit their sons. A fortnight ago the invitation was extended to the mothers of the six being held by Fatah.

"They didn't tell us how to get there. I'd be thankful if the (Jordanian TV) announcer and Abu Jihad would advise us," Grof said. "I'm willing to charter a private plane. I'm ready to go at any time. They should only say how."

Golda Gilboa, whose son Danny, 20, is being held by Fatah, said that the International Committee of the Red Cross had been asked to help but "they told us they haven't heard about the invitation. So where should we go?"

Israel has agreed that the mothers visit the prisoners. The army spokesman said yesterday that the IDF would "gladly facilitate the visit if the invitation is serious and if" (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Hussein, Arafat to hold 'crucial' talks

LONDON (AP). — Jordan's King Hussein said yesterday that he will hold "crucial" talks with PLO leader Yasser Arafat this week on a possible Middle East peace settlement.

Hussein told a news conference that "possibly within a short time" he would be able to clarify his stand in President Ronald Reagan's September 1 peace proposal calling for self-determination for West Bank Palestinians in association with Jordan.

Hussein, who led a six-member Arab league delegation for talks with British officials on Friday, gave no details of his planned meeting with Arafat.

Asked by a reporter if the talks would be crucial, he said, "yes, crucial." He did not elaborate.

Hussein, who remained in London to meet last night with Reagan's special envoy Philip Habib, said Reagan's plan resembled many possibilities and it was a "brave and courageous move."

But Hussein has not made it clear

whether he is prepared to go along with the proposal and was cautious yesterday about what his final decision might be.

Hussein called the situation in the territories "very dangerous" and said time was running short for finding a peaceful resolution of the problem.

Hussein said his country continued to have contacts with Egypt despite the fact that diplomatic relations were broken in 1979 over Cairo's peace treaty with Israel.

"Notwithstanding the fact that we do not have diplomatic relations... relations are extremely close, contacts are continuing," he told a news conference, adding, "I visited Egypt twice when we did not have diplomatic relations."

The King's press secretary, Fouad Ayoub, later told Reuters the King was referring to visits before the 1967 war, in a period when the two countries did not have diplomatic relations.

"He was not talking about visits in the present situation," Ayoub said. (Earlier story page 2)

France threatens to quit Europe's currency pool

RUSSELS. — French Finance Minister Jacques Delors yesterday drew the future of the European Monetary System (EMS) into doubt by announcing that France will quit the currency pool unless West Germany revalues the mark.

A grim-faced Delors, speaking to journalists before a crisis meeting of European Community finance ministers here, said that at present there was no basis for an agreement. Delors placed the blame for the recent crisis in the monetary system squarely on the shoulders of the Bonn government. "For 20 years West Germany has revalued its currency unilaterally perhaps 10 times. I don't see why they can't do now," he said.

Unless France gets monetary and financial concessions from its partners, he "will withdraw from the EMS tonight," Delors told reporters as he entered the meeting. He rejected West German calls

for a devaluation of the French franc and demanded instead a revaluation upward of the mark against the other EMS currencies.

"I'm the most European-minded minister of the French government," he said, but added, "I have no intention of giving in" to West German pressure.

Delors said he came to the meeting solely out of courtesy to his fellow European Community ministers.

"I didn't ask for this meeting at all. I don't see why France should assume the full burden if others are in oxygen tents," Delors said in a reference to reluctance by other countries to devalue their currencies.

Belgian, Italian and Danish representatives, whose currencies also are weak, said they too would not devalue.

West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg said he called the session as chairman of the EC Finance Council because of "market conditions."

Officials have predicted that the talks would be "long and difficult," and predictions of percentage changes in European exchange rates have been made by foreign exchange experts.

Earlier, political sources in Paris said that EC government leaders at their summit in Brussels tomorrow and on Tuesday might have to make a final effort to stave off French withdrawal from the monetary system if the weekend monetary talks failed. (Reuters, AP)



U.S. Marine Corps commandant, Gen. Robert Barrow, who has accused the Israel Defence Forces of harassing his men in Beirut. (UPI file photo of 1979.)

Arens: Tragedy possible unless IDF, Marines talk

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Defence Minister Moshe Arens on Friday phoned U.S. Defence Secretary Casper Weinberger and urged him to adopt a series of recommendations designed to ensure cooperation between the IDF and the U.S. Marine Corps deployed in the Beirut area. Arens told Weinberger that unless something was done soon, a tragedy could occur.

Arens visited Israeli forces deployed around Beirut earlier Friday and came away deeply perturbed by the total lack of communication between the forces and what could happen as a result. He suggested the following immediate steps:

- An agreement in writing specifying the demarcation lines between the forces and procedures for crossing these lines.

- Liaison arrangements between the forces, which would include an exchange of liaison officers at marine and IDF headquarters in Beirut as well as the opening of direct lines of communication. A Defence Ministry spokesman told the Associated Press in Tel Aviv

that the system works well with the French, Italian and British troops. These agreements should be reached and implemented by the local commanders in the area, Arens suggested. Failing this, they should be agreed upon by higher echelons without delay.

The defence minister, who phoned Weinberger at 3 p.m. on Friday, said that he had come to these conclusions after personally inspecting the situation and following protracted conversations with IDF commanders in the field.

Defence sources said yesterday that they were convinced that the report from Washington on Thursday regarding marine-IDF relations in Beirut (see adjacent story) did not come from the Pentagon officially. The marine commander's letter, written over six weeks ago, was "leaked by an individual interested in exacerbating U.S.-Israeli relations," the official said.

The conversation with Weinberger was reported to have been cordial. Weinberger apparently gave no immediate indication of whether he intended adopting Arens' recommendations, other than saying that he would check them.

Arens, Weinberger agree to avoid IDF-Marine incidents

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WASHINGTON. — Officials and Israeli Embassy diplomats here say Defence Secretary Casper Weinberger has agreed with Defence Minister Moshe Arens to try to avoid further incidents involving U.S. marines and Israeli soldiers in Lebanon.

Arens telephoned Weinberger on Friday to try to clear up the latest tensions following publication of a stinging letter by marine commandant General Robert Barrow which alleged that Israel had "timed, orchestrated and executed" the incidents "for obtuse political purposes."

Privately, some U.S. officials have accused Israel of deliberately provoking the marines in order to discredit American and other foreign peace-keepers in Lebanon. This, they have suggested, would further strengthen Israel's case to maintain a residual military presence in South Lebanon.

Some Israeli officials here, on the other hand, have accused Weinberger and the Pentagon of promoting the tensions in order to further strain relations with Israel and to undermine its popularity among the American public. This, the Israeli officials have said, would

put added pressure on Israel to leave Lebanon.

A senior Pentagon official said Arens had told Weinberger that Israeli forces were under "strict instructions" to avoid such tensions with the marines in Lebanon.

Israeli officials said Arens had pressed Weinberger once again to authorize formal marine liaison officers to coordinate activity with the IDF — along the lines of the French and Italian units attached to the Multi-National Force in Lebanon. Only the Americans are barred from dealing directly with Israel, the Israeli officials said.

The Reagan administration, so far, has refused these Israeli proposals, fearing that close U.S.-Israeli military cooperation in Lebanon might reinforce the already widespread Arab impression that Washington had conspired with Jerusalem during the war in Lebanon.

The Barrow letter has caused a major stir here. U.S. officials confirmed that it was given to Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir during his talks with Secretary of State George Shultz last week.

The *New York Times* yesterday said Barrow had been a consistent critic of alleged Israeli provocations (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

IDF soldier wounded in ambush

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — IDF troops south of Beirut were fired on in two separate incidents on Friday morning, military sources here said.

An IDF jeep patrolling near the village of Bahamoun four to five kilometres southwest of Beirut, was hit by small-arms fire. One soldier was lightly wounded and was taken by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital. Two other soldiers suffered scratches and were treated at the scene.

Some two hours later, at around 4 p.m., small-arms fire was directed at

an IDF roadblock south of Damour. No one was hurt. IDF forces searched the surrounding areas after the incidents, but no arrests were made.

Associated Press reported from Beirut that Israeli Air Force jets broke the sound barrier and flew mock divebombing runs over Lebanon after the ambushes.

The Moslem Voice of Arab Lebanon radio said the Bahamoun ambush was staged by the National Lebanese Resistance Front, which has claimed most of the attacks against the IDF in the last three months.

Jerusalem may yield on dotting 'i's in Beirut pact

Doubts in cabinet over U.S. proposals

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel will probably be prepared to be more flexible on the issue of "mutual relations" with Lebanon, agreeing that not every aspect of those relations need be immediately spelled out in a formal accord.

"Possibly the external format could be softer than the reality on the ground," a senior policymaker said last night. He meant that the eventual agreement with Lebanon might be less specific on matters of trade and tourism than Israel would have wished — but in practice there will be a substantial flow of goods and persons across the border.

The new Israeli flexibility on "mutual relations" complements Israel's readiness to consider new American proposals on security arrangements. These proposals in effect rebuff Israel's demand to retain IDF-manned military posts inside South Lebanon, but they seek to satisfy Israel's security requirements by providing for close cooperation between the IDF and the Lebanese army.

The cabinet is due to discuss these issues at its weekly meeting this morning. Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir will report on his lengthy talks in Washington last week, where the new American proposals were first made and where Shamir indicated the possible new flexibility in the Israeli positions.

Well-placed cabinet sources predicted last night that the cabinet would not reach definitive decisions today. The sources said the issues were "not yet entirely ripe: further contacts are in progress with the Americans."

American special envoys Philip Habib and Morris Draper are due in Israel today, and the Israel-Lebanon-U.S. talks are to resume in Netanyahu tomorrow.

While there is a growing anxiety on the part of some ministers to accelerate the agreement-and-withdrawal process with Lebanon, some important sections of the cabinet are understood to be dissatisfied with the American proposals. These ministers differ from the Foreign Ministry assertions that Shamir's trip to Washington, and the package deal he discussed there (subject to cabinet approval), was a success for Israel.

The feeling among these sections of the cabinet is that there is "nothing new" in the American proposals on any of the issues which Israel has regarded during the months of negotiation as vital: an IDF presence in Lebanon for some time into the future, formalized normalization, and a built-in role for Maj. Sa'ad Haddad and his militia force.

The ministers who see the American proposals as a step forward, are impressed by the cogency of Lebanon's contention that it must take account of massive

Arab world pressures. Lebanon has been brutally warned by Saudi Arabia and other Arab states not to enter into a far-reaching normalization accord with Israel.

Lebanon — and the U.S. — have also sought to impress upon Israel that if there were to be a residual role for the IDF in South Lebanon, Syria would demand at least as much for its forces in East and North Lebanon.

The question of how the Syrians and their Soviet patrons will act in the weeks ahead is troubling all sections of the Israeli cabinet. Even ministers anxious to complete an Israel-Lebanon-U.S. accord are wary of Syrian obstruction on the road to its implementation, and the feeling is that the road is still a long one.

Top analysts here say that, even if the Soviets do not actively prod Damascus into refusing to withdraw, the Syrians themselves will certainly demand a high political price from the Lebanese in return for their cooperation in an American-orchestrated withdrawal-of-all-foreign-forces pact. Syria will seek to maintain as much political influence as it can over Lebanon after its troops have pulled out.

From Israel's standpoint, the analysts here say, strong Syrian influence in Beirut is unwelcome, because it would mean a weakening of the central government there — and an enhanced prospect of the PLO returning to the country.

Attacks on MNF blamed on 'non-Lebanese'

BEIRUT. — Lebanon Army Commander Maj. Gen. Ibrahim Tannous yesterday charged that unnamed "non-Lebanese parties" had "masterminded and staged" the spate of attacks on the Multi-National Force in Beirut in order to drive the peace-keepers from Lebanon.

Attackers wounded eight Italian troops on Tuesday, five U.S. Marines on Wednesday and another Italian on Thursday. On Friday, a lone assailant hurled two hand

grenades at a French peace-keeping force in mostly Moslem West Beirut. No one was injured.

The state radio and television said Tannous made his charge during a joint meeting at the presidential palace with the ambassadors of the U.S., France, Italy and Britain, contributing nations to the peace force.

The force, which has been helping President Amin Jemayel's government re-establish control of the capital, is made up of 1,200 U.S. troops, 2,000 French, 2,100 Italians

and 100 Britons. The Italian and French contingents have been increased in recent weeks.

In the incident on Thursday, an Italian soldier was wounded in what an Italian spokesman described as a close-range machine gun assault on troops guarding the Shatilla Palestinian refugee camp.

Two suitcases full of explosives were found at the Libyan Embassy in Beirut yesterday and defused by army experts, security sources said. (AP, Reuters)

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THE WEATHER

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Haifa Port	22	11-26	19
Tiberias	42	10-27	19
Naqurah	11	11-23	17
Afula	33	4-26	18
Shimon	18	10-23	15
Tel Aviv	30	10-26	18
B-G Airport	33	7-28	21
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Gaza	72	10-20	17
Beersheba	13	13-28	19
Elitz	8	13-28	23

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Eli Blau has been re-elected for a two-year term as chairman of the Israel Tourist and Travel Agents Association.

2 reservists jailed for refusing Lebanon duty

Jerusalem Post Staff
Two reservist paratroopers — Tural (private) Gildad Eshel and Samal-Rishon (staff sergeant) Meir Shefer — were jailed last Wednesday for 35 days for refusing to serve in Lebanon for reasons of conscience. The Yesh Gvul ("There's a Limit") organization spokesman said last night.

This brings the number of soldiers imprisoned since last September for protesting against serving in Lebanon to 29 (including one enlisted man and two officers in compulsory service), according to the protest group, whose members are reservists.

Businessman detained by Lebanese in Beirut

Jerusalem Post Reporter
METULLA. — An Israeli businessman was briefly detained by Lebanese Army troops in West Beirut last week, military sources here said. The businessman, Binyamin Arad, a brigadier in the army reserves, was stopped in a section of the Lebanese capital beyond the IDF-controlled area.
He was held following an attack last Wednesday on U.S. marines and detained for 12 hours.
Foreign Ministry representatives in Beirut secured the man's release. The sources said that an increasing number of Israeli businessmen have been crossing illegally into parts of Beirut beyond IDF control in recent weeks in order to do business with the Lebanese.

'Ha'aretz' silenced by press walk-out

Ha'aretz, the Hebrew daily, will not appear today, it was learned last night.
Manager Amos Schocken told The Jerusalem Post that the press workers at the paper had downed tools at 8:30 last night without explanation.
Israel Radio reported that the workers were angry that Ha'aretz had used electronic typesetting to produce an advertising supplement due to appear tomorrow.
Schocken said he could not confirm that this was the reason for the pressmen's action. He added that it was not the first time that supplements had been typeset electronically.

ENGLISH. — A centre for the study of English was opened in Ashkelon last week by the interaction organization, with help from the Education Ministry and the British Council. The centre will offer advanced training to teachers in the area and courses for pupils and adults in Project Renewal neighbourhoods.

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HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Man held in stabbing deaths of wife, teenaged daughter

RISHON LEZION (Itim). — A local man turned himself in to police on Friday and confessed to stabbing his wife and daughter to death, police said.

Friday afternoon police answered a complaint about screams coming from an apartment on Rehov Bezalet in the centre of town. When they entered the apartment, they found Victoria Gadid, 45, and her daughter, Gila, 18, lying on the floor suffering from numerous stab wounds.

The two died shortly after they were rushed to nearby Assaf Harofeh Hospital.

While police were still at the scene, a man about 50 years old appeared at the local police station and told them he had just stabbed his wife and daughter.

Investigators say that the suspect — who is the husband and father of the victims — apparently quarrelled with his daughter after suspecting she was using drugs. He demanded to search her person, police say, and stabbed her when she refused, and his wife when she tried to intervene.

There are five other children in the Gadid family, whom neighbours described as quiet people, who have lived in the area a long time.

2 Israelis sought in W. German murder

FRANKFURT (AP). — Two Israelis who escaped from a Swiss jail are being sought in the death of an elderly West German moneylender, police said Friday.

They said Interpol has an international warrant out for David Vainbroun, 32, and Arkadi Shpitalnik, 31, in the slaying last September 14 of 75-year-old Luise Pollack.

Three members of the Israeli community in nearby Offenbach are linked to the murder and are already in jail, on charges ranging from drug smuggling to conspiracy, police said.

Investigators said one of the three tried unsuccessfully to obtain a loan from the victim shortly before her body was found in her Frankfurt apartment.

An autopsy showed she died of blows to the head. An undisclosed amount of money and jewels were reported missing from her apartment.

Police said that three days before the murder, Shpitalnik and Vainbroun escaped from a Swiss jail, where they had been serving time for attacking a watchmaker in the summer of 1980.

The pair crossed the border and went into hiding in Offenbach where the murder plot was hatched, authorities alleged.

Suspect gives false lead to Grunzweig's killer

A suspected felon caused a brief stir of investigative activity over the weekend into the grenade killing of Emil Grunzweig at a Peace Now demonstration in Jerusalem on February 10, but the lead proved to be false.

The suspect was arrested on a criminal matter, but apparently offered to make a deal with investigators by giving them information about who threw the grenade, in exchange for his release.

After several hours of intensive checking, Jerusalem police decided that the information was worthless.

Post-mortem on woman found dead in flat

The Jerusalem Magistrates Court agreed on Friday to a post-mortem on the body of a 28-year-old immigrant from Britain, found dead in her Jerusalem apartment.

Susan Hecht, who worked as a nurse at the Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus, was found dead, when the owner of the apartment, alerted by suspicious neighbours, broke into the flat. The neighbours said that Hecht had not been seen for several days.

Police said there were no signs of violence on the body and estimated she had been dead for a week. There was also no indication that the flat had been broken into before the discovery of the body. It is believed Hecht died from natural causes.

She was described by the neighbours as a pleasant person and was known to be in regular contact with her family in England. (Itim)

IS1 million damage in Ashdod fire

ASHDOD (Itim). — A hairdressing salon was destroyed and 15 other shops damaged by an explosion and fire in the commercial centre here Friday night. The fire broke out in the hairdressing salon owned by Leon Cohen, which was destroyed. Another 15 shops nearby were damaged and their windows broken. Damage is estimated at more than IS1 million. Police said a short-circuit probably caused the fire, which led to an explosion of combustible material in the salon.

A fire in the Ashkelon commercial centre on Friday afternoon damaged a food store owned by Ishai Lamancha. Police believe the fire was caused by the store owner's leaving a lighted stove on the premises. No other shops were damaged.

No one was hurt in either incident. The local fire brigades managed to bring the flames under control.



British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher greets Jordan's King Hussein in London on Friday after his arrival at the head of an Arab League delegation. (UPI telephoto)

UK sees major M.E. role after Arab League visit

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Britain is hoping that Friday's visit here of an Arab League delegation led by King Hussein of Jordan will enable it to play a more central role in furthering the Middle East peace process.

Foreign Secretary Francis Pym made it clear that he believes that any movement has to come from Israel. The Arabs had "got their act together," but Israel had to change

its position on the settlements and on the Palestinians, he said.

Most of the attention during the visit was concentrated on Walid Khalidi, a Beirut University professor who was representing the Palestinians. He was the compromise choice after Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher refused to receive any official PLO member.

Khalidi, who shook hands with Queen Elizabeth during the delegation's reception at Buckingham Palace and was welcomed by Thatcher at 10 Downing Street, was said by Pym to speak for all Palestinian viewpoints and to have made "a very useful contribution" to the talks.

For Britain, the importance of the visit is that, after several postponements, it eventually took place. Britain's relations with the Arab world can now get back to normal. No new initiative is expected to emerge from Whitehall, but the visit will enable Britain to play a key role in the EEC heads of state meeting in Brussels tomorrow.



Pupils of Jerusalem's Evelina de Rothschild School on Friday open a traffic safety campaign in the city's Rehov Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall (top), while that afternoon three persons were seriously injured in a truck-car collision outside the nearby settlement of Ma'aleh Adumim. (Scoop 80, Zoom 77)

ARENS, WEINBERGER

(Continued from Page One)

against the marines for months. During Pentagon meetings, it said, he often had registered similar complaints.

According to U.S. officials, Barrow's letter was largely sparked by incidents involving U.S. soldiers attached to a UN peace-keeping force in Lebanon — rather than the marines actually participating in the Multi-National Force (MNF).

"In addition to the U.S. MNF incidents," Barrow wrote, "I have received information concerning serious harassing incidents by the IDF of the U.S. officers attached to the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization (UNTSO). These particular incidents involved USMC (United States Marine Corps) and USA officers in life-threatening situations, replete with verbal degradation of the officers, their uniforms and country. Unfortunately, and of greater concern to me, incidents of this nature are the rule, rather than the exception."

There are 36 Americans and 36 Russians among the 200 UNTSO officers in Lebanon. UNTSO was established in 1949 and includes representatives from 17 nations.

In his two-page letter, Barrow did not provide details of the incidents. But the Knight-Ridder newspaper chain, which first published his letter, also obtained a copy of a classified cable from the U.S. Embassy defence attaché in Beirut describing some of the alleged Israeli challenges to the marines.

Israel, it said, held Marine Maj. John Todd at gunpoint for 25 minutes on January 25 when he was travelling in a convoy along the coastal road to Beirut. "All other vehicles in the convoy were allowed to pass," the cable said.

"More seriously," it continued, "Capt. Bruce Denault (USMC) was travelling east on the Beirut-Damascus highway conducting a routine patrol. As he rounded a blind curve, an IDF tank situated to his right opened fire with its 50 cal. machinegun directly in front of Capt. Denault's vehicle. Capt. Denault stopped his UN vehicle and returned to the tank position, where he was told that he could proceed."

The IDF stated that no UN vehicle would use that road that day. After waiting approximately 30 minutes, Capt. Denault returned to Beirut.

On January 30, Army Maj. Herman Kafura "was deliberately fired on by IDF soldiers, while investigating random IDF firing into civilian populated area south of Beirut in which two women were killed. This occurred while Maj. Kafura was driving a UN vehicle with UN flag, and after identifying himself as UN and U.S. officer."

"I can no longer remain silent on this continual problem of provocation from the IDF," wrote Barrow in his letter, the text of which was made public by the Pentagon on Thursday after the Knight-Ridder report.

"It is evident to me, and the opinion of the U.S. commanders afloat and ashore, that the incidents between the marines and the IDF are timed, orchestrated, and executed for public Israeli political purposes," Barrow said. "The U.S. has been prompt and forthcoming in defusing previous problems and has established a viable communications procedure between the marines and IDF. The IDF, however, persist in creating serious incidents."

"I am distinctly proud to have marines participating both as members of the multi-national force and with UNTSO under the auspices of the United Nations. It is inconceivable to me why Americans — serving in peace-keeping roles — must be harassed, endangered and degraded by an ally."

Barrow went on to say that previous U.S. "demarches and diplomatic initiatives have not eliminated the difficulties between our marines and the IDF. Additionally, the expansion of the communications links and the use of liaison officers will not preclude additional problems, unless the attitude and actions of the Israelis are altered. It is time for firm and strong action, to demonstrate to the Israelis that a role as a peace-keeper does not presume weakness. If anything, the Israelis should respect our efforts in this region."

(IDF source — page 3)

Peres and Zipori differ on Soviet Middle East threat

Jerusalem Post Staff

Opposition leader Shimon Peres warned on Friday that the increased Soviet involvement in Syria has ominous implications for the Middle East. But in a separate forum, Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori said the Soviets aren't interested in escalating tensions in the region.

Peres, addressing Jewish and Arab chairmen of local authorities in Beit She'an, said the growing Soviet role in Syria also marks an acceleration in the arms race.

Peres said that four factors were behind the Kremlin's decision to resume their intensive involvement in the Middle East. First, because if American Marines are in Beirut Russian soldiers should be in Damascus. Secondly, there is a bid to foil any American political gains resulting from the war in Lebanon. Thirdly, Moscow wishes to prevent King Hussein of Jordan from taking part in the peace negotiations, and

fourthly, there is a desire to restore Russian prestige after the bad showing of the Soviet-armed Syrians during the war.

Zipori, in an interview on Kol Yisrael yesterday, said that the Soviet Union's warning that it will intervene if armed conflict breaks out between Israel and Syria is not a threat but is really a message to both sides not to start fighting. "If they wanted to heat things up, they would keep quiet and let it happen," he said.

He added that the Soviets have been hurt internationally by Syria's defeat in Lebanon and that the new missiles and influx of technicians is designed to see that such a thing does not happen again.

"They can replenish the Syrian arsenal, but the Syrian air force and anti-aircraft people know what really happened and know it will be a long time before they can rehabilitate themselves, if ever they can."

Police break up Egyptian car theft ring

REHOVOT (Itim). — Police on Friday uncovered a three-man ring of Egyptian car thieves and smugglers, arresting one of the men and recovering five stolen cars in an ambush in an orchard near here.

On Friday afternoon a man phoned police and told them he saw five cars hidden in an orchard near Tel-Nof Air Base. Investigators rushed to the site and found two Mercedes automobiles, two BMWs and one Escort buried under leaves. A computer check found that they had all been stolen over the preceding four days from Tel Aviv,

Rishon Lezion, Nes Ziona and Ganei Tikva.

Police set an ambush in the orchard, helped by units of Border Police and the Civil Guard, and at 11 p.m. they arrested a man as he entered one of the stolen cars.

The man, an Egyptian citizen, has reportedly cooperated with investigators and told them he and two other Egyptians had stolen the cars and were preparing to smuggle them to Egypt. Police have stepped up security along the border and are searching intensively for the other two men.

Ne'eman criticizes television report

Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman will raise in the cabinet today Friday night's report from Lebanon screened as part of the weekly television newscast.

Ne'eman said the broadcast was designed to sap morale and constituted psychological warfare against the State of Israel. During World War 2, said Ne'eman, such activities had been termed "fifth column."

The report consisted chiefly of an interview with an IDF officer, who said there was no point in considering why the IDF was in Lebanon. The fact was that the army was there and its job was to do the best it could, the officer said.

There were also interviews with the comrades of fallen soldiers who said they "had to believe their comrades had not died in vain."

Ne'eman calls for Israeli law in territories

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman said on Friday that he will demand the extension of Israeli law to Judea, Samaria and Gaza and massive Jewish settlement throughout the entire Land of Israel.

Ne'eman was speaking to a group of 50 foreign diplomats at the Sheraton Hotel in Tel Aviv. The Diplomats' Association had invited the minister as its guest speaker.

Military historian honoured on birthday

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The 80th birthday of Abuf-Mishne (res) Elazar (Lassia) Galili was marked at the Tel Aviv University on Thursday by the Israel Society for Military History and the Defence Ministry's publication Ma'arachot, both of which he helped create.

Galili came to Palestine in the early 1920s from Russia. He is a veteran member of Kibbutz Afikim. His study on the Maccabees will appear shortly.

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the Red Cross takes the mothers under its auspices and undertakes to protect them."

Commenting on the mothers' appeal, Abu Jihad said: "We've noted their feelings when they thought the two (dead) prisoners were among the eight. I say that we don't want to play with these mothers' feelings."

He went on to blame the Israeli authorities for "burning" the feelings of thousands of Palestinian mothers. Forty Palestinians were killed in the Ansar detention camp and seven mothers were injured when demonstrating against events at Ansar, he said.

"We're willing to receive the Israeli mothers any time. We just

demand a list of names of our prisoners," he said. Abu Jihad maintained that Israel had given an incomplete list of PLO prisoners.

"When the complete lists are presented the Israeli mothers will be able to visit their sons," he said.

According to Itim, Abu Jihad also demanded that the lists include the names of prisoners held at Adli, Saraf and other places inside Israel.

Commenting on this demand, the IDF spokesman said that all terrorists detained in Lebanon are being held at Ansar. He said that Red Cross representatives are at Ansar permanently and have received complete lists of all detainees. The lists are regularly updated and are transferred by the Red Cross to the PLO.

U.S. documents traced 'illegals' to Palestine

CHARLES ALLEN, New York

A HITHERTO "top secret" set of U.S. State Department documents reveals that Jewish survivors of the Holocaust, seeking their way out of Europe to Palestine after World War II, were labelled "illegals" by the State Department and kept under surveillance by department investigators. The 35-pages of documents also charge that two Jewish relief agencies aiding Holocaust survivors were involved in black market operations.

The report, which was classified "top secret" by the State Department, dated May 14, 1947, is the same one that contained details about the Vatican-controlled Monastery Route, which aided and abetted fleeing Nazi war criminals, including the notorious SS officers Otto Skorzeny, Klaus Barbie and Franz Stangl.

The official name of the document is Illegal Emigration Movements in and through Italy. It became known as the La Vista Report in American intelligence circles, so named after its author, Vincent La Vista, an international lawyer who in 1947 was military attache to the American Embassy in Rome and already a skilled intelligence/diplomatic State Department officer.

According to the La Vista Report, the two Jewish agencies most closely watched by State Department investigators operating out of the American Embassy in Rome were the American Joint Distribution Committee and the

Hebrew Immigration Aid Society (Hias).

WITH A distinct tone of disapproval, the La Vista Report stated that the administrative staffs of the refugee camps run by UNRRA — United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency — were either furnished by the Jewish relief agencies or under their control.

The Jewish relief agencies also converted UNRRA supplies into one vast black market, the report claimed. "...The black market sales of rations drawn from UNRRA are, in the opinion of this writer (La Vista), the largest source of income for both the Jewish underground and the legitimate Jewish relief agencies operating in Italy."

The Jewish underground, the report stated, also was a major conduit for Russian and Yugoslav Communist agents. The State Department investigators claimed that at least 10 per cent of the underground refugees who were trying illegally to run the British blockade into Palestine were Communist agents.

The La Vista Report stated further: "At the UNRRA...DP camp outside Rome...A Rumanian Jewess and a rabid Communist directs the office...and aids the illegal activities of the Jews and the Communist agents."

The State Department was able to trace the precise sea-land routes taken by refugees fleeing to Palestine. No indications of any sympathy for or approval of the

Jewish refugees seeking to reach a Jewish homeland is present in the La Vista Report.

The report stated: "...The only pre-requisite to establishing identity as a displaced Jewish refugee is the ability to speak Jewish (sic) and the language of the country from which the Jew was supposed to have come."

On the eve of Israel's War of Independence in 1948, the State Department investigators grudgingly admitted that the Jewish underground operating in Italy "for the sole purpose of assisting (illegal) emigration to Egypt and Palestine is one of the most efficient organizations with which this writer (La Vista) has ever come in contact." (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Conversion according to Halacha — YES! The Monopoly of Religious Fanaticism — NO!

The Movement of M'sorati Judaism in Israel calls upon you to join in a demonstration against the proposed change in "The Law of Return" which is an attempt to divide the Jewish people and cause a schism between the Israeli and Diaspora Jewish communities.

As an "Halachic" religious movement, we believe that all conversions must be done in accordance with Halacha (Jewish Law). Nonetheless we denounce the attempt of those who would arrogate to themselves the exclusive right to interpret Halacha, in order to delegitimize all Halachic conversions performed by Rabbis who are not a part of the religious establishment.

JOIN WITH US TO EXPRESS THE SENTIMENT OF THE MAJORITY against this proposed change in "The Law of Return"

The demonstration will take place opposite the Knesset on Monday, 7 Nisan 5743 — March 21, 1983 at 3.00 p.m.

The Movement of M'sorati Judaism in Israel

MK asks why asbestos report 'sat on'

Jerusalem Post Staff
MK Yair Tsaban (Mapam), head of the Alignment faction in the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee, is appealing to the state comptroller to investigate why a report commissioned by the panel on the problem of workers' exposure to asbestos was "sat on" for 10 months by Health Ministry Director-General Baruch Modan. Tsaban said the report, by Prof. Jerry Baum of Tel Hashomer Sheba

Hospital, was released only after repeated appeals to Modan by MK Menahem Porush, chairman of the Labour Committee.
In his appeal to the comptroller, Tsaban said any delay in the treatment of workers exposed to asbestos (in its manufacture and in related fields) further endangers their health. This places a heavy responsibility on the authorities involved, he said.
Eight workers of the Isastab fac-

tory in Nahariya have died as a result of their exposure to asbestos, Tsaban said. However, he emphasized, about 10,000 workers have been exposed to asbestos in various plants in the country. The actual number of workers who suffer from asbestosis, or cancer linked to their exposure to asbestos, is much higher than the official statistics indicate, said Tsaban. It is still possible to save the health of thousands of workers, he said.

IDF sources deny Marine general's charges

Jerusalem Post Staff
Official military sources on Friday rejected charges by the U.S. Marines commandant in Lebanon that Israeli soldiers there had "deliberately provoked" and threatened his men. The commandant, Gen. Robert Barrow, sent a letter last week to Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger (which was subsequently leaked to the press), in which he described three alleged clashes between U.S. and Israeli troops. The IDF sources specifically denied Barrow's accusations that Israeli soldiers had ever fired at or otherwise threatened the life of any marine, nor had Israeli soldiers insulted the marines or their uniform. The sources said that:

• Israel agreed to evacuate Beirut Airport at the request of the U.S., which said there should not be two forces in the same area. Today, however, the Americans appear insistent to enter areas which have been agreed to be under IDF control.

• There is no contact or coordination between the units in the field,

despite the fact that it is clear to field commanders that these are essential. The marine officers, however, are kept from meeting with IDF officers for political reasons.

• The IDF makes every effort to avoid any incidents, and to this end had even halted pursuit after terrorists upon occasion.

• The IDF has never gone beyond the area designated under its control, by agreement among the IDF, the Lebanese Army, and the U.S. It should be noted that all of the alleged incidents took place in areas under IDF control outside the area under marine control.

• There is no military friction between the IDF and the non-American units of the Multinational Force, which coordinate with the IDF at the field level.

• With regard to the allegations of an Israeli attempt to kill U.S. Marine Capt. Charles Johnson, in an incident on February 2, it has been proved beyond all doubt that Johnson drew his pistol and an Israeli officer politely asked him to climb on the tank and discuss his

charges. The incident, it should be recalled, occurred east of the old railway line, which is the boundary of the area under IDF control in Beirut.

• With regard to Barrow's allegations that IDF troops fired at a marine patrol on January 31, there is no knowledge of any such incident. On that date, however, a Lebanese soldier let off a burst of fire in the area and this was also reported by the marines on the scene.

• Regarding the alleged threat against an American officer, no such incident is known. There was indeed an incident two weeks ago at the Galerie Semaun roadblock in Beirut, in which an American UN observer travelling in the car of the CBS Beirut correspondent began photographing the IDF troops manning the roadblock. According to standing orders, the two were asked politely to stop photographing and to leave. It should be stressed that the American UN observer tried deceptively to take pictures at the roadblock and a formal complaint was submitted to the U.S. Embassy.

Freij tells 'silent majority' to make noise

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij yesterday urged that "the silent peace-loving majority should no longer remain silent" because in another 12 months there will be "nothing left to talk about," between Israelis and Palestinians. He was speaking at Jerusalem's American Colony Hotel at the closing session of a three-day seminar organized by the International Centre for Peace in the Middle East.

"Our enemies are the extremists on both sides," declared Freij.

Attending the seminar were 14 Knesset Members from all parties and Arab personalities from the West Bank and Gaza. Among those present were Abba Eban, Naphthali Blumenthal and Aharon Harel from the Labour party; Yair Tsaban and Mohammed Wataid from Mapam; Mordechai Virshupski from Shinui and Ariel Weinstein from the Likud Liberals. Dr. Hatem Abu-Ghazale from Gaza also addressed the seminar.

Among the topics discussed were

the Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers, the possible role of King Hussein in peace talks and the role of the superpowers in the Middle East conflict.
The International Centre for Peace in the Middle East was established last September by author David Shacham, Willi Gafni and Arye Ya'ari of the journal *New Outlook*. It is sponsored by retired supreme court justice Haim Cohn, Eban, Meron Benvenisti, Professor Shaul Friedlander, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg and others.

Paroled convict held as suspected forger

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Detectives armed with a search warrant raided the home of a paroled convict on Friday and found household goods worth 150,000 which they suspect were bought with forged cheques. The man, released from prison four months ago, and his wife were detained for questioning.

MD raps ministry's guide to feeding babies

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Veteran pediatrician Dr. Jacob Wilczek is taking on the Health Ministry for a second time over its *Feeding of Healthy Babies*. He alleges the new booklet is as bad as an earlier guide which he forced the ministry to withdraw in 1979 — after a five-year battle — on the grounds that it was "ill advised and possibly harmful."

Since the publication of the new guide in 1979, Wilczek has been urging the ministry to set up an independent committee to investigate his views.
The case was taken up by Labour MK Sheva Weiss, and in February, Health Minister Eliezer Shostak announced that a committee will be established and Wilczek will be invited to give evidence.
Wilczek said the guide, like the previous one, recommends giving infants solid foods and cows' milk based on their age and not their weight. "There is a big difference in size between babies and this is not taken into account."

Na'amat leader slams abortion proposals

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — "If your recommendations are adopted, the prisons will be too small to house all the 'criminal' doctors and 'criminal' pregnant women," Tamar Shahar, head of Na'amat's status of women department, wrote to MK Menahem Porush this weekend. She was writing about his abortion recommendations which will be voted on by the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee tomorrow.
Shahar said Porush's recommendations would make the situation even worse than it was before the current abortion law was passed in 1978. Porush recommends that doctors who perform illegal abortions, and women who have them, should be jailed.

Porush also wants the committees of doctors and social workers which approve legal abortions to be supervised by the Health Ministry. He recommends that women over 40 be forbidden from having abortions unless examination proves that the fetus is abnormal.

"You express great concern about the possible dangers to the health of women who have abortions," Shahar wrote, "but you do not seem to be concerned about the physical and mental consequences for a woman over 40 who, because of your recommendations, will have to give birth against her will."

Shahar said too many people are not sufficiently concerned about the harmful effects the recommendations could have. "They say they are

only recommendations, not laws, but what they fail to see is that if these recommendations are accepted Porush can go to the health minister or interior minister three months from now and ask what has been done to implement the recommendations. In those cases where implementation requires changes in the law, the pressure for those changes will be just around the next bend."

She said that women made their contribution to the coalition agreement when Section 5 of the abortion law (which permits abortion in cases of economic and social hardship) was repealed. She expressed the hope that the Liberal MKs on the committee will "vote according to their principles and help defeat the recommendations."

Homosexual group starts a phone hotline

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — An organization dedicated to personal rights has established a telephone hotline to counsel individuals on personal problems of discrimination they face as homosexuals. Na'amat's monthly magazine reports in its

latest issue.
Families can also call the Association for Individual Rights to discuss issues which concern them about a homosexual family member. The number of the hotline, which operates between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, is 03-613457.

Among the association's activities is a programme to provide anonymous medical examinations for early detection of A.I.D.S., a fatal disease suffered by homosexuals. Members of the association can be examined free and anonymously at Kaplan Hospital.
Another programme developed by the association, in cooperation with the Health Ministry, is for a doctor to be available at parties given by homosexuals. The doctor

would take blood samples from those individuals who want this examination. Identification of patients may be by number instead of by name.

Many men and women with homosexual/lesbian tendencies are reluctant to be identified because the law still regards homosexuality as a crime punishable by 10 years imprisonment. The association wants to campaign for a change in the law, and an information brochure is being prepared for distribution to Knesset members.
At the same time, the association's leaders say more and more homosexuals are "coming out of the closet" and joining the clubs and chapters which the association is forming around the country.

The association may be contacted at POB 46039, Tel Aviv.



Adjutant-General Tat-Aluf Benny Dekel on Friday awards officers insignia to two officer course graduates, Segen-Mishne Avi Hamshon and Segen-Mishne Orit Gersel. The ceremony was held after a passing-out parade at an army base somewhere in Israel. (IDF)

Three big firms reportedly opt out of nuclear project

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three of the five large Israeli concerns asked to invest \$10 million each in an experimental nuclear fusion reactor have decided against it, according to knowledgeable sources.

The five firms — Clal, Bank Leumi, Bank Hapoalim, Koor and Paz — were asked by the promoters of the project to form a consortium to put up \$50m. of the \$300m. needed to build two experimental facilities, one in Israel and one in California. The firm seeking to build the innovative reactor, International Energy Systems Company (INESCO), is based in La Jolla, California.

Clal, Bank Leumi and Bank Hapoalim recently decided not to invest after weighing the results of a visit made by their representatives last December to INESCO offices and to several fusion research centres at U.S. universities. Koor and Paz have not yet decided whether to invest.

Minister of Science and Development Prof. Yuval Ne'eman reiterated early this month to the five firms and the promoters that the government does not plan to invest in the project "at this stage."

Last year the Energy Ministry agreed to provide only a site and infrastructure for the INESCO plant.

The process of nuclear fusion, which releases energy as the nuclei of hydrogen atoms are fused, has

never been successfully harnessed to produce electricity. All existing nuclear power plants are based on fission processes which split the nuclei of uranium atoms.

The concept developed by INESCO, called a Riggatron reactor, differs from experimental fusion reactors already built in that it seeks a short-cut to the release of energy. It tries to achieve this by scaling down the size of the reactor and using different materials.

Two INESCO requests for financial support to the U.S. Department of Energy were rejected on the grounds that the Riggatron concept wouldn't work.

A statement recently issued by Ne'eman's ministry said that the government regards the project as a

"promising technology" that has a reasonable chance of success, and which could put Israel in the forefront of fusion research. Fusion is viewed as a potentially important source of energy for the next generation.

The \$300m. investment package is reportedly made up of the following: \$50m. from tycoon Shaul Eisenberg; \$50m. from the publisher of *Penthouse*, Bob Guccione; \$50m. from several American Jews; \$100m. from French manufacturers of equipment for nuclear power plants; and \$50m. from the five Israeli firms.

If the \$50m. for the five firms fails to materialize, this could lead INESCO to scrap the plan to set up one of the plants in Israel.

Stricter control likely over activities of Green Patrol

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — The Green Patrol will shortly be placed under the direct control of the Agriculture Ministry. The *Jerusalem Post* has learned from a high-ranking source.

The controversial unit is currently under the control of Nature Reserves Authority Director Uri Baizid, who is responsible to the Agriculture Ministry. It is hoped that the new system will ensure a closer watch on the patrol's activities. The patrol has frequently been accused of harassing Beduin and confiscating their flocks.

The Green Patrol was set up in 1976 by then agriculture minister Aharon Uzan to prevent illegal grazing in the country's nature

reserves. When Ariel Sharon became agriculture minister, he beefed up the patrol and widened the scope of its activities. Under his auspices, the 1951 law against illegal grazing was applied for the first time to areas beyond the nature reserves.

Today the Green Patrol has 30 inspectors, with 25 jeeps operating all over Israel.

The *Post* has learned that the ministry is trying to encourage the Beduin to raise sheep instead of goats. South African Dorper sheep have recently been successfully raised at the Veterinary Hospital near Tel Sheva. The Dorpers, which flourish on a meagre diet, have more meat and breed more prolifically than the traditional Beduin Awassi sheep.

News media bad for country, poll shows

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Some 65 per cent of the country's adult population consider the mass news media — press, radio and television — detrimental to the national interest, according to an opinion poll conducted by Dr. Mena Zernich of the Dahaf Research Institute and reported in the latest *Monthly* monthly.

A similar poll last year indicated that 51 per cent held that opinion. The poll was made last month among a sample population of 1,188 men and women over 18 years of age.

The poll found that 17 per cent of the public would prefer a non-

democratic government whose ideas suited their views. Another 17 per cent professed indifference to the issue, but 20 per cent believe "a drastic change must be made in the political structure of the state in order to overcome its difficulties." The regime, they think, should be "independent of political parties." Another 18 per cent were indifferent.

The Knesset fared badly in the poll as some 46 per cent have a negative view, with 13 per cent feeling it should be suspended, or even abolished. A negative view of political parties is held by 55 per cent, while 26 per cent consider political parties "superfluous."

Rains give Israeli soil to Jordan

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TIBERIAS. — One surprise result of this year's harsh winter has been the loss of hundreds of dunams of soil to Jordan, and the effective moving of the Israel-Jordan border to the west. The extensive flooding of the Jordan River has resulted in considerable areas of land on the Israeli side of the river being carved off by the swirling waters.

In addition, the security road and security fence have been damaged, necessitating repair by the IDF. Most of the flooding, which has also caused damage to winter crops, has been in the area south of Beit She'an.

3 alleged drug dealers arrested at roadblock

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Three men suspected of being drug dealers were arrested on Thursday when police stopped their car at a roadblock on the Tel Aviv-Haifa coastal highway near Zichron Ya'akov.

Police searched the car and found 18 bottles of the drug Adulian, a heroin-substitute used to treat heroin addiction.

Milo to quit post if Elon is defeated

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HOD HASHARON. — Likud faction chairman Ronnie Milo told a local Herut party meeting last Thursday that he would resign from the coalition executive and demand early elections if the Likud candidate for the presidency, Supreme Court Justice Menachem Elon, is not elected on Tuesday.

Milo also took issue with a recent statement by fellow Likud MK Meir Cohen that 200,000 to 300,000 Arabs should have been expelled from the West Bank in 1967. "Milo said he disagreed with Cohen's statement, but added that it would have been of great benefit to Israel if large numbers of local Arabs had left."

El Al adds 46 flights for Pessah exodus

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — El Al has added an additional 46 outgoing flights to its schedule this week to cope with the pre-Pessah traffic. Four of the flights are destined for New York, with the rest flying to European capitals.



Former residents of Di-Zahav (Dahab) on the Sinai coast hold a sit-down strike outside the Jerusalem home of Prime Minister Menachem Begin on Friday to protest what they say is the government's failure to pay them adequate compensation for their former homes and property, evacuated following the Israel-Egypt peace treaty. (Rahamim Israeli)

Africans at UN meet WJC official

By LEON HADAR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS. — Senior African diplomats at the UN met privately last week with an unnamed leader of the World Jewish Congress in New York in what were described as "warm discussions aimed at laying the groundwork for a renewed era of 'normalization' between Africans and Jews," according to a WJC spokesman.

Envoys of the Ivory Coast, Swaziland and Togo — the latter serving as the president of the Security Council — were joined at the meeting by the highest-ranking African official within the UN secretariat, Under-Secretary James Jonah of Sierra Leone. The meeting

was held under the auspices of the Third World Commission of the WJC.

The unprecedented two-hour session covered a wide range of issues including the question of African relations with Israel, as well as continued attempts at the UN to invoke the "Zionism equals racism" resolution.

According to the WJC source, there "was a sense of feeling that some African countries will soon restore diplomatic relations with Israel."

He added that the Africans are aware that by renewing diplomatic relations with Jerusalem they will be able to win the goodwill of Jewish communities in the West, including the powerful community in the U.S.

4th Rubinstein piano competition opens tonight

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — More than 100 musicians, critics and guests — and two concert grand pianos, with tuners — have arrived here for the Fourth Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition, which opens tonight at Tel Aviv Museum's Recanati Hall.

The competition continues there until April 7, with the final round at the Mann Auditorium. This year's 49 participants come from 17 countries. The U.S., with 14 can-

didates, has the largest contingent, and five Israelis are competing.

In addition to the available Steinway piano, the Bosendorfer company of Austria and Yamaha of Japan each sent a piano and their own specialists to tune the instruments each day.

Prizes will be awarded on April 11 at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma. The first three prizes are a gold medal and \$10,000, \$5,000 or \$3,000, and the second three are a silver medal and \$1,000 each.

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Reagan, aides review missile policy

WASHINGTON. — President Ronald Reagan conferred with key national security advisers on Friday to consider possible changes in his "Zero Option" plan for U.S. and Soviet medium-range missiles, administration officials said.

They stressed he was merely reviewing policy and had not made any decision to go along with calls by European leaders for an interim accord at the Geneva talks that would remove some, but not all, U.S. and Soviet medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

The policy review follows recent Soviet threats to "retaliate" if U.S. Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles are deployed in Europe.

Reagan is so far standing firm on his plan, which would cancel the deployment of the missiles if Moscow dismantles all its 600-plus comparable weapons.

Administration officials said new options put to Reagan included one

to stand pat on the Zero Option, another to include strategic bombers in the negotiations, and others to remove some of the medium-range missiles in place or planned for deployment in western Europe.

Meanwhile, in Moscow, the Soviet Union yesterday again threatened that the security of the U.S. would be endangered if NATO begins deploying new American missiles in Western Europe as scheduled later this year.

The commentary was the fourth Soviet warning of retaliation in three days against the missiles, which are planned as a counter-force to Soviet SS-20 medium-range nuclear missiles aimed at Western Europe.

If the 572 Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles capable of reaching Soviet territory in six minutes are stationed as planned, "the Soviet Union will have to adopt such measures in re-

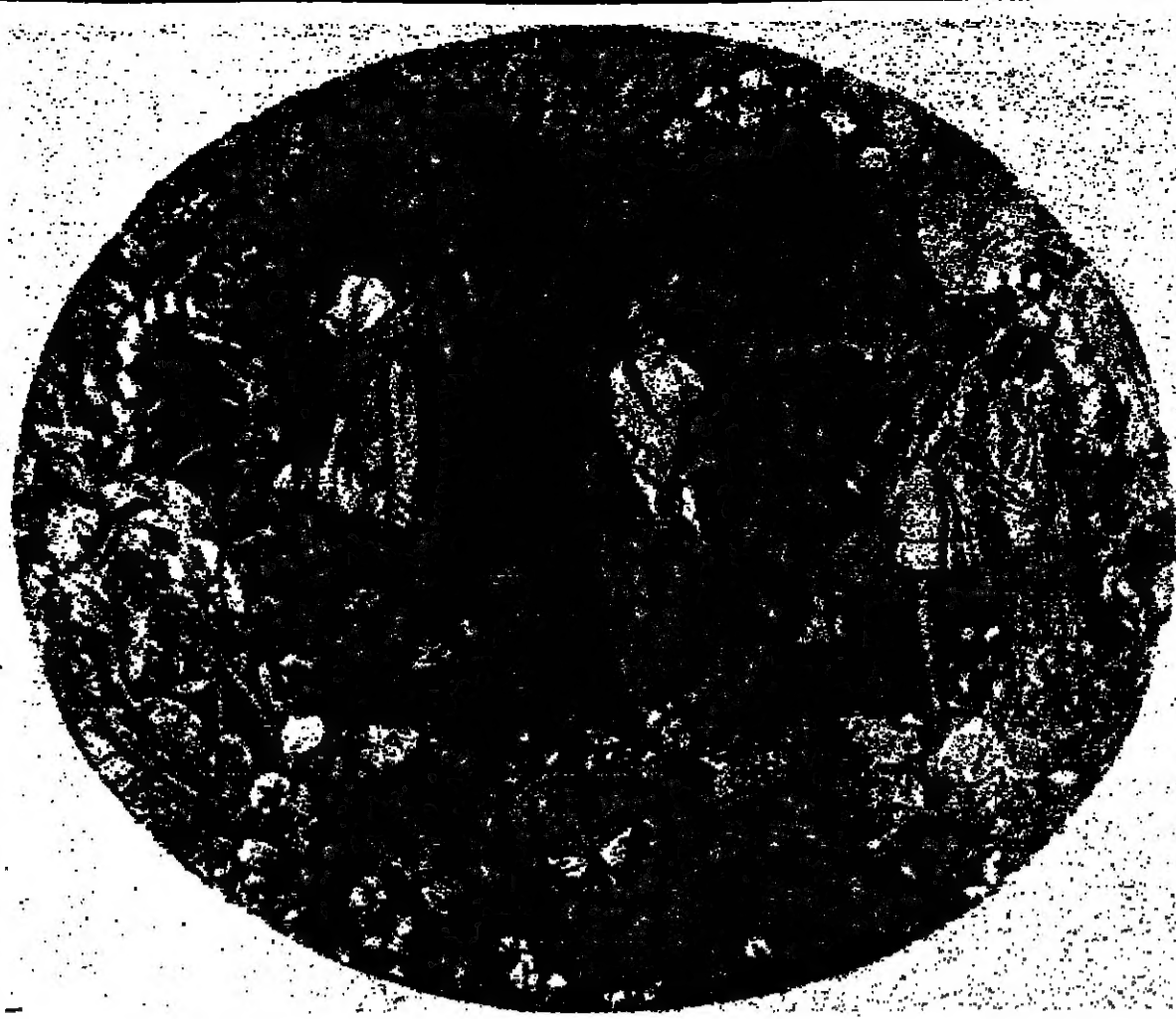
ly that would put U.S. territory in an analogous position," the official news agency Tass said.

"It would be totally illogical to believe that the USSR would deal the retaliatory blow of retribution only to European territory, leaving the U.S. intact," it said.

In Brussels, NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns said that the U.S. Zero Option is "not attainable."

He said on Friday that a less ambitious proposal may be needed to reach an arms agreement with the Soviets, Belgian television reported. "We are now headed for an interim solution," Luns said.

Richard Burt, assistant U.S. secretary of state for European affairs, told reporters after a special North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting in Brussels that "whenever Joseph Luns talks, we listen carefully. I certainly think we will take his views into account." (AP Reuter)



The painting 'Contradiction — Oberon and Titania' by a 19th century confined lunatic and murderer, Richard Dadd, was sold last week at Sothebys London salesroom for £550,000 (IS33m). The price was a world auction record for any Victorian painting. (UPI telephoto)

EEC, U.S. try to avert farm trade war

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The U.S. and the European Community have agreed to keep trying to prevent a trade war in agricultural products.

A joint statement issued here on Friday at the end of high-level talks said: "A common desire emerged to try and find accommodations to our problems within existing systems on both sides... The constructive spirit in which the discussions have been held seems to us a good basis for further work."

U.S. and European officials said they agreed to withhold details of the secret talks, conducted at the isolated Wye plantation in Maryland.

But they decided that enough progress had been made to warrant another round of detailed consultations at the working level within the next few weeks, they said.

The two sides have accused each other of stealing each other's traditional markets by selling off their vast surpluses of subsidized

farm produce at less than the market price. Some officials have warned the dispute could develop into a price war.

Deputy U.S. Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng told reporters: "We clearly made some progress. All of us wish the progress was at a faster pace, but there is a good basis for further work."

The U.S. irritated the Community in January by selling Egypt one million tons of American flour at below market prices.

Nazi collaborator who aided Barbie sought in Italy

LYON, France (Reuter). — The French examining magistrate in charge of the case against Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie on Friday issued an international arrest warrant for wartime Lyon militia chief Paul Touvier, now living in Italy.

Judicial sources in Lyon said the warrant alleged crimes against humanity committed while Touvier was head of the "Milice Francaise," an organization which helped German occupying forces to track down French Resistance members during World War II.

Touvier, who was head of the militia while Barbie was head of the Lyon Gestapo, was twice sentenced to death *in absentia* after the war, but the statute of limitations meant that the sentences were never carried out.

In 1972, president Georges Pompidou granted him a pardon, and in 1975 the Paris appeals court ruled that charges of crimes against humanity laid against him by families of resistance fighters could not be heard.

The judicial sources said they believed the new warrant followed fresh evidence brought to light during the investigation into the Barbie affair by the examining magistrate, Judge Christian Riss.

The sources said they could not say how wide Pompidou's pardon was, or how it would affect the latest warrant.

"They said the new charges followed allegations by relatives of Victor Rasch, a former leader of the League for Human Rights, who said he was killed on Touvier's orders in 1944."

Judge Riss has been amassing a dossier against Barbie, who faces trial for crimes against humanity after being expelled from Bolivia to France in early February.

Crimes against humanity are not subject to any statute of limitations. LAUREATE. — H. Keffer Hartline, a Nobel laureate known for his research on the retina, died in the U.S. on Friday of an apparent heart attack. He was 79.

China declares war on three billion rats

PEKING (AP). — China's government has ordered a concentrated attack on the nation's estimated three billion rats, saying they already had caused serious harm in some places, the official Xinhua news agency reported Friday.

The order called for areas with problems to set up rat extermination headquarters, directed by local officials and technicians.

The government urged steps to spread knowledge about rat killing among China's one billion people, and to protect rats' natural enemies — cats, owls and non-poisonous snakes.

Xinhua said that since the world began recording history, more people have died of infectious diseases carried by rats than died in wars.

Cholera kills 43 in Bangladesh province

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP). — Forty-three people have died from cholera this month in Bangladesh's Khuna district, which borders the Indian state of West Bengal, officials reported yesterday.

4 whites slain in troubled Zimbabwe region

HARARE. — Four whites were killed on Friday night by gunmen in Zimbabwe's troubled Matabeleland province, police said yesterday.

The victims reportedly were an elderly couple and their two grandchildren, shot when six gunmen raided a farm at Nyamandlovu, about 150 kilometers northwest of Bulawayo.

The sources said farmers in the area had been told about the killings Friday night through an emergency telephone network used by white farmers during the Rhodesian civil war before Zimbabwe's independence in 1980 and revived recently because of violence in

Matabeleland.

After a two-month army drive against dissidents — said by the government to be disgruntled ex-guerrillas of opposition leader Joshua Nkomo's disbanded Zimpro army — violence erupted again in the province last week.

A white accountant, Robert Dyer-Smith, was abducted near Bulawayo by six gunmen demanding the release from prison of Nkomo's lieutenants who are facing treason charges.

The rebels threatened a ransom note to kill him and six foreign tourists missing since their abduction while on a safari holiday near

Bulawayo last July.

Meanwhile, in London, the Home Office on Friday said that Nkomo, who arrived in London last Sunday, has been given permission to remain in Britain until April 12.

The burly African leader told a news conference at Heathrow airport on arrival that he would return home as soon as he receives firm assurances of his personal safety from Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

Zimbabwe officials said the assurances already have been given, but the Harare government would not negotiate with him outside of Zimbabwe. (Reuter, AP)

Iranian air-sea activity destroys 2 Iraqi warships

LONDON. — Iran yesterday said it had destroyed two Iraqi warships during a combined air and naval operation in the Gulf.

Tehran Radio, monitored in London, quoted a military communique as saying the raid took place on Friday. The exact location of the attack was not given.

The Iranian attack in the Gulf was the first in several months. The recently equipped Iraqi air force and navy have been harassing Iranian ships and naval vessels since last November in the northeastern tip of the Gulf near the entrance to the Khor Moussa creek.

The Iranians announced earlier this year that a joint navy-Islamic Revolutionary Guard operational command was being set up at Bushehr south of the Kharg Island

in the Gulf to counter increasing Iraqi activity in the area.

There was no Iraqi comment on the Iranian claim. But a war communique broadcast by Baghdad Radio said that Iraqi war planes yesterday carried out bombing raids against Iranian positions in the central and southern sectors of the battlefield.

The communique said the attacking jets scored direct hits against Iranian troop concentrations in the two regions and returned safely to their bases.

The communique and war reports carried by Iran, the official Iranian news agency, indicated that on the ground sporadic clashes and artillery exchanges persisted along the front. (Reuter, AP)

Turkish official, Jemayel discuss Armenian terrorism

ANKARA (AP). — Turkish Foreign Minister Turgut Ersoy returned here on Friday after an overnight visit to Beirut where he conferred with Lebanese President Amin Jemayel, Turkey's state radio reported.

"Mutual trust between Lebanon and Turkey could help to resolve the problem of terrorism," Ersoy said. He did not elaborate, but he apparently referred to terrorist acts by Armenian extremists.

Turkish authorities believe Armenian terrorist groups have their bases in Lebanon — among them the leftist Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA) and the rightist Justice Commandos for Armenian Genocide (JCAG).

Turkmen said that one unnamed Armenian terrorist group has moved out of Lebanon and may have acquired a new base in southern Cyprus.

A martial law court in Istanbul sentenced an Armenian priest to 14

years in prison on charges of making separatist propaganda and working against Turkey's interests abroad.

The trial of Hayko Manuel Yargatyan started in June 1982, with the prosecutor accusing the priest of having been caught at Yesilkoy airport, coming from abroad, with maps showing eastern Turkey as a separate state of Armenia and cassettes of songs of Hinchak and Tashnak — two anti-Turkish Armenian organizations.

Last week, two alleged members of JCAG carrying Lebanese passports shot and killed Galip Balkar, the Turkish ambassador to Yugoslavia. The Belgrade attack is believed to have prompted Turkmen's visit to Beirut.

Noting that Lebanon has not had a strong central government since 1975, Turkmen said that Turkey would take other measures to combat terrorism, if Lebanon could not handle the problem by itself, but he did not elaborate.

St. Patrick's parade marches under boycott

NEW YORK (Reuter). — More than a million people lined Fifth Avenue for Thursday's St. Patrick's Day parade, which is billed as the world's largest Irish celebration.

Leading Irish-American politicians boycotted the parade and the Pentagon banned military bands from taking part, because its grand marshal this year was a veteran backer of the Irish Republican Army, Michael Flannery.

VOICE. — A burglar fled empty-handed from Sylvia Hay's home in Welling, southern England, when ordered from the darkness to "go on, get out!" in a raucous voice — belonging to Arthur, Hay's nine-year-old parrot.

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Floods kill 35 in Bolivia

LA PAZ (Reuter). — At least 35 persons have been killed and hundreds injured in floods in the Bolivian state of Santa Cruz, 600 kilometers southeast of the capital La Paz, state authorities said yesterday.

A state spokesman told Reuters by telephone that the final death toll could be higher as rescue workers are still searching for people missing after the River Piraí, swollen by torrential rains, burst its banks on Friday and flooded residential parts of the city of Santa Cruz and outlying areas.

More than 2,000 people in the city had been left homeless, he added.

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Judge rejects parents' plea to let boy die

VANCOUVER (Reuter). — A mentally retarded six-year-old boy underwent surgery on Thursday night to prolong his life after a high court judge rejected an appeal by the parents to let him die.

Surgeon Patrick Murray told a press conference that the one-hour operation to release pressure on Stephen Dawson's brain went well.

The boy's parents, Robert and Sharon Dawson, were at the hospital during the operation and were allowed to visit their son in the recovery room.

Surgery was carried out hours after British Columbia Supreme Court Judge Lloyd MacKenzie said the "presumption must be in favour of life." He granted custody of Stephen, who is blind, deaf and dumb, to child welfare officials.

The decision overturned a lower court ruling which gave custody of the child to the parents who said they wanted him "to die in peace with dignity."

Stephen has spent most of the last two years in institutions and with foster parents. He was able to communicate and respond until a month ago when his brain flooded with fluid.

A trembling Robert Dawson told reporters he thought the judge's decision was unfair but added: "We have chosen not to appeal in Stephen's best interests under the circumstances. Any further delay could be hazardous and we don't want anything further to happen to Stephen."

On the verge of tears, his wife agreed, but added that she would still try to regain custody of her son.

Bonn parties suspend talks

BONN (Reuter). — West Germany's three coalition parties yesterday surprisingly broke off negotiations on formation of a new government and said they would continue talks on Tuesday.

At the same time, controversial right-wing leader Franz Josef Strauss let it be known that he will announce tomorrow whether he will accept an offer from Chancellor Helmut Kohl of a top cabinet post. It was not clear if suspension of the talks was linked to the future of Strauss or caused by major differences on future policies.

It was also possible that the involvement of West German government leaders in this weekend's European currencies crisis and a summit of European Community heads of government tomorrow was responsible for yesterday's development.

Teenager in semifinals for world chess title

MOSCOW (AP). — Nineteen-year-old Soviet grandmaster Garry Kasparov qualified for the world chess championship semifinals yesterday after defeating fellow Soviet Alexander Belyavsky 6-3, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported.

Kasparov, who burst on the chess scene in his early teens, defeated the 39-year-old Belyavsky in the ninth match of their best-of-10 series at a Moscow hotel. He will challenge other quarterfinal winners for the right to play world chess titleholder Anatoly Karpov, also of the Soviet Union.

Tunisia, Algeria sign friendship pact

TUNIS (Reuter). — Tunisia and Algeria yesterday signed a treaty of friendship and concord to signal the normalization of relations after years of mutual distrust.

The treaty was signed by Algerian President Chadli Benjedid on the second day of his first official visit to Tunisia and by President Habib Bourguiba.

The two presidents also signed an accord delimiting their common frontier, which had been in dispute at five points.

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The directorate considered this situation, and decided that —

in view of the serious situation — the number of vacant plots in the Southern Cemetery will suffice for a few months only — the directorate has decided that, from March 15, 1983, it will not sell plots in the cemetery, and reserve them until the death of the purchaser.

We offer our apologies for the pain this will cause bereaved families. This notice has been forwarded by mail to the heads of the governmental and municipal institutions involved in the matter.

Hevra Kadisha Administration

Perils of political psychiatry

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER / Jerusalem Post Reporter

BY DEFINITION, a totalitarian regime cannot tolerate dissent. One way of getting rid of dissenters while discrediting their opinions is to declare them insane and commit them to psychiatric hospitals.

The Soviet Union has found this to be a very efficient way of sweeping its own dissenters under the carpet, and has used it so extensively that it has provoked the term "political psychiatry."

Though political psychiatry is not a Soviet invention, nowhere has it been used so widely and ruthlessly as a political tool.

A carefully researched and reasoned review and condemnation of Soviet political psychiatry was recently presented at the First International Congress on Psychiatry, Law and Ethics in Haifa by an American psychologist, Dr. Gerald W. Lynch, president of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York.

LYNCH OPENED his review by noting that the Soviet Union had resigned from the World Psychiatric Association in February, taking the Soviet Society of Psychiatrists and Neuropsychologists out of the world body. This action was taken five months before the July convention of the Association, which was to act on a U.S. resolution to suspend the Soviets and a more radical British one to expel them.

It was assumed that Moscow withdrew because it would have found it difficult to cope with a humiliating public debate. Moscow may also have believed that Soviet psychiatrists had been improperly complying with Western requests for data on specific cases.

By withdrawing from the World Psychiatric Association, the Soviet Union "avoids the probability of censure or suspension in July and sharply curtails professional contacts, data exchanges and the likelihood of other specific charges of alleged abuses in Soviet psychiatry."

Lynch held that the Soviet move had long been foreseen following allegations over the last few years by American and Soviet writers that the Soviet government is engaged in a deliberate plot to remove all political dissenters and intellectuals from the mainstream of Soviet society. They alleged that the Soviet government uses psychiatry to disguise punitive and repressive actions against its citizens.

HE WENT ON to ask whether "a democracy which is based on a constitution and provides protections for its citizens through a Bill of Rights is capable of allowing the kind of gross perversion of psychiatric ethics alleged to be associated with fascist or totalitarian regimes."

In order to answer it he reviewed the common law traditions and practices which have shaped the role of psychiatry in contemporary Anglo-American law.

"Essential to any discussion of psychiatric jurisprudence are the legal provisions concerning a defendant's mental competency to stand trial and the defence of insanity."

"While both of these provisions have been held up as representing an enlightened view of criminal responsibility, in practice they have

also provided governments with a means to abuse due process," he stated.

THE 'INSANITY' defence was introduced in Britain in the case of Daniel McGaughen, who in 1843 attempted to assassinate the prime minister, Sir Robert Peel. It has been claimed that McGaughen was a Welsh nationalist, that his assassination attempt was a political act, and that the efforts of the Tory government to persuade the court that the crime was the product of a diseased mind "were essentially self-serving."

"By regarding him as a criminal lunatic, the government was able to divert attention from the political cause he represented."

It has been argued that in the McGaughen case psychological descriptions were used to distract attention from moral, political, or social conflicts which might otherwise be considered important.

Lynch concluded that "the legal-psychiatric practices of Western common law countries are clearly susceptible to political influence. Experts who have studied commitment proceedings claim that psychiatrists working for the govern-

ment usually recommend commitment."

"However, there is no proof that mental hospitalization has been initiated and carried out with psychiatric compliance as a matter of state or governmental policy."

Nevertheless the courts request psychiatrists to predict the future behaviour of individuals based on information derived from an examination. The court sends those who are considered dangerous to themselves or to others to psychiatric hospitals for compulsory medical treatment.

However, researchers have found that psychiatrists tend to overpredict anti-social behaviour, and that there is little empirical evidence that psychiatrists can predict dangerous behaviour at all. Thus, many persons who are not really dangerous end up in psychiatric hospitals.

"The problem of prediction is exacerbated by the unreliability of psychiatric diagnosis. A review of studies showed that the chances of a second psychiatrist agreeing with the first were little better than fifty-fifty. These studies suggest that the courts have entrusted psychiatry with a task it is not capable of handling," Lynch found.

"ALTHOUGH THERE is evidence that psychiatry is misused in America and other Western democratic countries, it is neither as prevalent nor as strong as the evidence from the Soviet Union."

According to American psychiatrist Paul Chodoff, the reason for this is not that American psychiatrists are necessarily any more virtuous than their Soviet colleagues, but rather the existence of

safeguards in the structure and organisation of our society.

Lynch said that over the past few years both American and Soviet writers had discussed the use of psychiatry as a means to further the political aims of the state. Alexander Podrabinek, a Russian, has done extensive work on the subject, and his book *Punitive Medicine* describes the process by which political dissidents are judged mentally ill and involuntarily committed to psychiatric hospitals. In his view, "the state has come to rely on psychiatry to stabilize political life. It has discovered this procedure to be far more effective than a criminal trial."

Since the Soviets became involved in the politics of detente, they have become more concerned with their image abroad. Consequently they deliberately dissociated themselves from the brutal and repressive measures of the Stalinist era.

"Podrabinek contends that the current practice of labelling dissidents as mentally ill allows the Soviet government to avoid the publicity which surrounds public trial. Thus Soviet psychiatry operates as an arm of the State and

is subject to government control."

Podrabinek also pointed out that seemingly sane people have been declared insane and committed on the basis of political pretext throughout Russian history. The 19th century philosopher Peter Chaadaev, for instance, was officially pronounced insane after he published his *Philosophical Letter* in 1836. His work was viewed as an unpatriotic attack on Russian nationalism and a threat to the future of the State.

The chief of the Moscow gendarmes, Count Benndorff, dismissed the book as "the product of a lunatic, whose mental disorder can be the only reason for his writing such absurdities."

Podrabinek contends that "though there were several such cases in pre-revolutionary Russia they were not yet part of a systematic political strategy to declare sane people mentally ill. The systematic use of psychiatry for political purposes began after the Revolution of 1917."

Podrabinek offers an interesting theory to explain the increased use of psychiatric hospitals during Stalin's reign. Party bosses who feared that they would be executed by the KGB "persuaded the government to create a network of special psychiatric hospitals in order to save their own lives."

To understand the co-optation of psychiatry by the government one must examine Soviet bureaucracy, Lynch held. Psychiatry, like all other Soviet institutions is completely subordinate to the State. Soviet psychiatric hospitals are under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of the Interior. The chief doctors and directors are often members of

groups which have political authority.

They serve in these groups along with members of the KGB, and the chief physicians hold military rank. Consequently, all of their actions are coordinated with military chiefs and accountable to the KGB.

Also, the promotion of chief physicians in the Soviet political hierarchy is indirectly based on the degree of their cooperation with the KGB.

According to Podrabinek this practice influences psychiatric diagnosis and treatment. Psychiatrists are always conscious of how their decision will be viewed by the authorities. This political awareness sometimes leads to the needs of the patient to be subordinated to the personal career ambitions of the chief physicians.

To dissent in a society which officially prohibits it is seen by the non-dissenters as peculiar, upsetting and strange. Some scholars of the problem "do not necessarily see an all embracing plot based on making diagnoses known to be false. It is rather a pervasive mind-set which demands such conformity of itself that the dissenter's non-conformity evokes strong reactions, which tend to exaggerate the seriousness or potential seriousness of the problem and thus the misdiagnosis," he said.

"While Podrabinek is convinced that Soviet psychiatry is nothing more than an instrument for political repression, Western psychiatrists have avoided such sweeping criticism. Instead they emphasize that the practice of psychiatry must be understood and judged within the political context of a totalitarian state in which there is little tolerance for political dissent."

The bureaucratic structure which exerts great control over its members also demands ideological conformity. Therefore it is plausible that Soviet psychiatrists, who have been accused of using their authority to legitimize the current actions of the government toward political dissidents, believe they are acting in accordance with their Marxist-Leninist beliefs.

In their view, those who denounce the political system of their country might very well be suffering from delusional psychopathology. Hence commitment to a psychiatric institution is justifiable, based on this type of "sickness," Dr. Lynch stated.

He found that Western psychiatrists often believe that Soviet psychiatrists are "deluding themselves in diagnosing dissent as schizophrenia."

But since the Soviet Society of Psychiatry has withdrawn from the World Psychiatric Association, "there will unfortunately be even less chance for dialogue and debate."

"We do not yet know whether the gestures of conciliation and discussion proffered by the Soviet psychiatrists were unacceptable to the Soviet political authorities, thus leading to the rupture from the world body."

"Whatever the reason, one can hope that the Soviet Union can find a wiser and more constructive way to express itself over the criticism of its psychiatric practices," Lynch concluded.

THIS SUMMER 1,000 families will be selling their flats in Beersheba and moving to a new settlement nearby: Meitar.

What makes Meitar attractive is its lack of political overtones, being situated on land free of Beduin claims and within the Green Line, and the fact that it offers, at reasonable prices, the possibility of owning a house.

Yitzhak Levanon, a landscape architect and former chairman of the registered voluntary society behind Meitar, says the settlement will become, according to present plans, a Jewish "barrier" between the Arabs in the Hebron mountains and the Beduin in the Negev.

Amirum Kraus, the society's treasurer and only salaried official, says the government master plan for settling the area south of the Hebron mountains was only authorized after Meitar was established. "This place is being built by members for members. People are putting up a settlement for themselves."

Meitar is open to Jewish citizens over 18. The society does not sell land to groups who want a chunk in which to settle together. "As a rule, we do not absorb groups," explains Amirum. "Everybody comes and registers individually. This is private enterprise of the do-it-yourself kind. We will not build neighbourhoods for any given group of people, because we believe that it's better not to create little ghettos. We want integration."

Most of the settlers so far are young and 10 per cent are single. Some 12 per cent are observant Jews; *olim* are welcome. The main aim, Levanon says, was to create a village in a country-setting of a high standard at a price that would attract salaried workers.

"This is one of the few settle-



Acacia tree in the desert

Village in the desert

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ments in the country where the people are involved in the planning, the decision-making and the actual application of decisions. To make Meitar accessible to all, in view of the fact that 90 per cent of our people would not have otherwise been able to afford their own house, payments are spread over four years."

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NETANYA ORCHESTRA, Samuel Lewis conducting (NYCA Auditorium, Jerusalem, March 15). Sullivan: Yeoman of the Guard overture; Vaughan Williams: English Folk Songs; Farnon: Westminster Waltz; Foster: Summer Days; Elgar: Pomp and Circumstances No. 1; Sousa: Washington Post March; Gerwin: Excerpts from *Tommy* and *Bugs*; Lennon and McCartney: Yesterday; Andersen: Four Popular Pieces.

THIS VISIT of the Netanya Orchestra was one of the most exhilarating and enjoyable experiences of the Jerusalem season. Pity, that a snow warning and rain kept so many people home — they really missed a treat.

Samuel Lewis was at his very best, lively and inspiring, the orchestra rich in string volume and excellent in the winds. The programme was easy and unsophisticatedly pleasant, without ever becoming cheap. Old England was represented in the first part of the programme, and the Colonies in the second. Both parts included splendid samples of the lighter side of national cultures. Rarely is this kind of light music performed in Israel, and rarely presented with such swing and spirit.

The orchestra performed with technical excellence though musicians looked stern and serious, as though they were ashamed to play these pieces. Flute, oboe, trumpet, horns, trombones, percussions — all gave scintillating proof of their ability, and Samuel Lewis never missed an opportunity for a twist here, a charming accent there. Everything moved lightly, as it should. No wonder that the audience made up in warm applause for the missing numbers in the hall.

A most brilliant and exciting performance of Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*, given as an encore, climaxed this remarkable evening and sent us home in a good mood, grateful for a relaxing and highly enjoyable concert with a difference — the best medicine in our tense and worrisome times.

YOHANAN BOEHM

ISRAELI CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, Uri Segal conducting with Peter Frankl, piano (Tel Aviv Museum, March 13). Moshe Klon: Ma'agalot (Chorus) for Chamber Orchestra; Mendelssohn: Piano Concerto No. 2 in D minor, Op. 40; Leo Weiner: Divertimento for Orchestra No. 1; Haydn: Symphony No. 95 in C Minor.

THE HAYDN symphony emerged as the event of the evening, with Uri Segal surprising us with true ingenuity. He suddenly escaped convention and mediocrity and revealed what really counted:

Levanon is keenly aware of the aesthetic, as well as the practical, aspects of building a village from scratch, and of the challenge of settling 2,500 families without damaging the lay of the land and its natural beauty.

One natural contour that was left untouched is an amphitheatre that will seat 10,000 and serve the whole region. Underground shelters are being built in a way to make them usable as recreation facilities.

Amirum Kraus says the communications network planned for the new settlement and, indeed, the whole region includes not only telephone services but also cable TV and computer terminals for home units. "We are trying to think of all the needs of a settlement in the next century," he says.

THE SETTLERS communicate with each other now through "town meetings" and through a sometime magazine (*Meitar*), which they receive through the mail. The present 12-member committee will relinquish its duties by July, and a new committee will be elected.

Once the first 50 families actually finish building their houses, sometime in 1984, they will elect a local committee, much like the one now governing Omer, the suburb of Beersheba.

Most Meitar houses will be built on plots of 700 sq.m. "We have not limited the imagination of architects engaged in planning these houses," says Levanon, "but an architect of our choice will be supervising the lot, and we have decided to give special prices to those members who work with architects we have authorized for the project." As much as possible, materials are bought collectively to keep down costs. So far Meitar has 1,200 members and is looking for more.

Self-interested secrecy

KNESSET REPORT / Aryeh Rubinstein



Mordechai Virshupski (left) and Eitan Livni (Uri Keren, Rahumim Israel)

Religious Party) voted against the new and improved sum of IS663m. The added IS100m. will come from the general reserve in the State Budget.

When the Knesset's budget is tabled for its second reading, tomorrow or Tuesday, it will be a single page, consisting, apart from the heading, of the following seven lines:

"Knesset members.
The Knesset's activities.
Administration and maintenance.
Security.
Reserve.
Construction of Knesset annex.
Computerized transcript system."

Alongside each heading will appear the amount originally proposed by the Treasury and the amount approved by the joint committee.

hasn't even seen the speaker's draft and may wonder why it raised the Treasury proposal for "activities of the Knesset" by IS12m., or the reserve from IS9.5m. to IS42.4m.

Not that the MKs are complaining about being kept in the dark. After all, they can rely on their fellow trade-union members who sit in the joint committee.

ONE OF THE items in the "speaker's draft" allocates IS2m. for a new car for Speaker Menahem Savidor — obviously a luxury car. Another allocates IS300,000 for the maintenance of the speaker's official residence, as compared with IS180,000 last year.

It would certainly not derogate from the speaker's high office if he adopted more modest standards; on the contrary, it would only enhance his stature.

Savidor's present car will go to

the new Knesset clerk, Samuel Jacobson. Former Knesset Clerk Netanel Lorch did not have a "company car" at his disposal, although there were those who saw to it that stories were leaked to the press purporting to prove Lorch's greediness.

Another new item allocates IS1.8m. to enable MKs to circulate a "report to the voter" on their public activities twice a year.

BITAN LIVNI, chairman of the House Committee and of the joint committee, says that the Knesset, as a sovereign body, is not bound by the government's budget guidelines to the ministries.

Even though the Treasury has demanded that government ministries cut manpower by 2 per cent, it is the Knesset's prerogative to increase its manpower, Livni told me.

Accordingly, the committee decided to employ a fourth legal adviser for the Knesset, and four additional "coordinators of information," each of whom will serve two Knesset committees. At present, only the Finance and Foreign Affairs committees have such coordinators.

This does not mean, Livni granted, that there is no "hidden unemployment" among the Knesset staff of 330. But he let it go at that. Not a word to indicate that he intends to do anything about it.

Livni said that the IS663m. takes into account anticipated price increases. Only if there are unexpected wage increases will the committee ask for a supplementary budget, he promised. We'll try to remember that.

TOMORROW the House Committee is scheduled — at long last — to sum up its discussion of a code of ethics for Knesset members. It waited almost a year for its subcommittee on ethics, headed by Eliezer Kulas (Likud-Liberals), to come up with a draft code. It might have taken even longer were it not for fear that the Bar Association would beat it to the punch with rules of its own for lawyer MKs.

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TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET REVIEW Little interest in lacklustre market

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

The action, or rather lack of such, on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange last week reflected a continuing lack of interest on the part of the general public in the present market.

Investors appear to have talked themselves into believing that the market will only begin to recover in April — and their expectations are being fulfilled.

The general share index, which reflected a gain of 1.04 per cent last week, did not exactly tell the true story. However, if the effect of the commercial banks is excluded, the

index shows a decline of 0.15 per cent. The commercial banks, which chalked up a sectorial gain of 2.66 per cent, were not the only financial shares to do well. The mortgage bank group did even better, showing a weekly rise of 2.66 per cent.

Industrial shares, on the other hand, continued to take it on the chin, and declined by 2.04 per cent. The worst-hit sector was the oil issues, which showed a weekly loss of more than 4 per cent.

Last week's trading was the lowest since the beginning of the calendar year. The National Consultants point out that off-the-floor

trading totalled only ISO.9 billion, compared with IS4.7b. the preceding week. Total turnover last week was in the order of IS4.5b., roughly half that of the preceding week. Turnovers have gone down by some 60 per cent since past December.

The Central Bureau of Statistics' announcement of a 6.1 per cent rise in the cost-of-living index for February marked an unusually high rate of inflation for that month. But investors showed little interest in moving into the index-linked bond market, which traded uneventfully and by and large came through the week with minor advances.

Devaluation of the shekel against the dollar was in the order of 1.5 per cent, which was at a somewhat

quicker pace than that of the preceding fortnight.

Elsic chief executive Avraham Suhani disclosed last week that his company will be looking to tap the local capital market for \$60 million. The terms of the capital financing issue have not been finalized and will depend on the new Research and Development law, which has passed its first reading in the Knesset.

Individuals investing in the Elsic securities R & D package will have the benefit of a 60 per cent tax deduction and will be allowed to invest up to 20 per cent of their total annual income. It is likely that Elsic will publish a prospectus some time next month, if the law passes its final reading.

WALL STREET WEEK 3 reasons for momentum

NEW YORK (AP). — American consumers may still be in a cautious mood after the recession of the past year and a half. But Wall Street analysts figure they have the means at their disposal to step up their spending significantly in the months ahead, providing new momentum for economic recovery.

"Consumers are being engulfed by a rising tide of purchasing power," said Gary Wengowski, director of economic research at Goldman, Sachs and Co. In a recent report predicting a "relatively strong first-year recovery" for the economy.

As Wengowski sees it, this influx of extra buying power stems from three primary sources: income tax cuts, declines in oil prices, and the sharp rise of the securities markets since mid-1982.

The 10 per cent tax cut scheduled for July 1 will pump money into consumers' pockets at a rate of \$35 billion a year, he says. But even before that, there will be tax refunds this spring some \$22b. to \$26b. larger than normal because of widespread overwithholding in 1982.

Meanwhile, falling oil prices can have the same effect as an additional tax cut, by reducing consumers' bills for gasoline and home heating oil.

Lastly, rising stock and bond prices have increased consumer's net worth dramatically. Wengowski estimates that financial assets directly owned by consumers jumped almost \$500b. in market value from last June to December, and an additional \$100b. or so since then.

The markets have leveled off lately. In the past week, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was unchanged at 1,174.47 after a 22.22-point drop the week before.

The New York Stock Exchange Composite Index was down 92 at 86.37, and the American Stock Exchange Market Value Index lost 4.40 to 381.13.

Big Board volume averaged 70.65 million shares a day against 82.07 million in the previous week.

Phosphate field near Arad poses ecology problems

By LORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ARAD. — The rich Sde Zohar phosphate deposits near here should not be mined unless adequate solutions are found to the problems of dust and the destruction of top soil. This was the consensus of the 50 industrialists, ecologists and government officials who attended a day-long symposium on "Mining and Ecology" here last week.

The symposium was sponsored by Negev Phosphates and the Ministries of Energy and the Interior. Officials of Negev Phosphates said that out of consideration for the nearby town of Arad, the company will consult the Nature Reserves Authority on how to avoid unnecessary damage to the ecology.

Mayor Avraham Shohat of Arad said that he is full of doubts and will only agree to mining operations after every problem has been solved. "If they develop the field means that Arad will suffer from ecological turmoil, then we'll oppose it. Arad has prospered because of its high-level quality of life."

The Sde Zohar deposits were discovered two years ago during a geological survey sponsored by Negev Phosphates and the Energy Ministry. They hold 200 million tons of phosphate, over half of them very high quality. A total of 200 drillings have been made so far, and the best phosphates are in the region just west of Arad. So far, no license to start mining has been issued by the authorities.

Despite the worldwide slump in phosphates, a Negev Phosphates economist said, the company was

mining more than ever and selling well. "Our warehouses are empty." He added he was optimistic that over the next few years, the mineral would again be in great demand. In view of this likelihood the Sde Zohar deposits must be readied, he added.

Scientists speaking at the symposium pointed out that technology today makes wet mining impossible, overcoming the problem of dust, which is endemic to open-pit mining.

A meteorologist, however, said that perhaps even today the dust-particle level in the Arad area may be above the acceptable level. One solution may be to plant more trees, he said.

Part of the deposits are in a nature reserve and in the Yair Forest. They are also close to major Beduin settlements.

Yitzhak Shitrit, chief planner at the Interior Ministry, southern region, said he was optimistic that solutions could be found; "I'm certain we can protect the ecology and work the field."

Big rise in Ireland's interest rates

DUBLIN (Reuters). — Ireland's big four banks announced a big rise in interest rates Thursday in an attempt to defend the Irish pound, under heavy pressure in the European Monetary System (EMS).

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Swiss franc	18.8313	Italian lire (100)	2.7086
Norwegian krona	5.2085	Japanese yen (100)	16.2149
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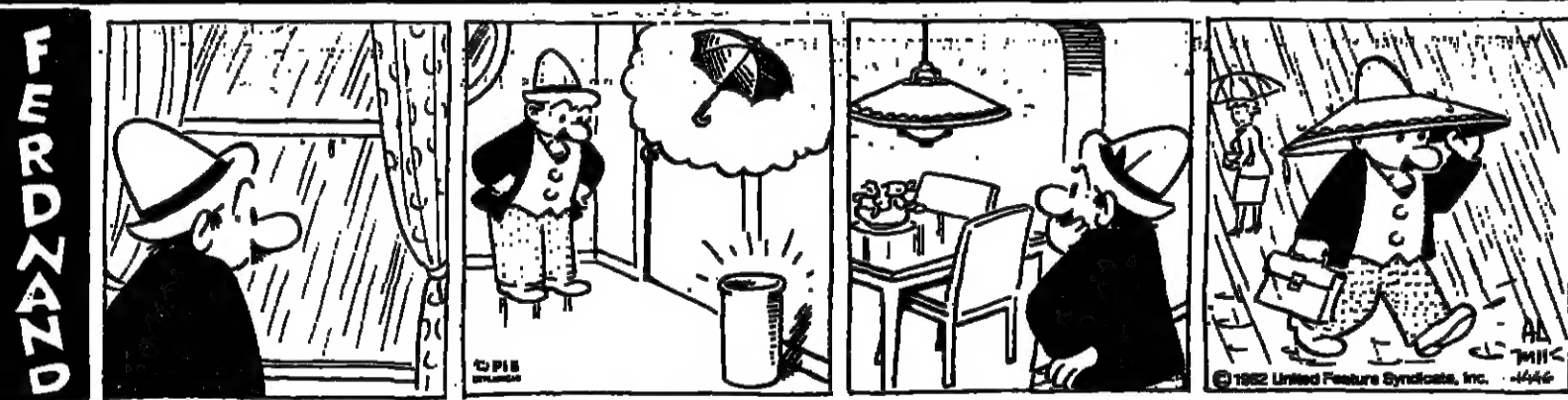
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Sports

Last throws of winter

By DON GOULD
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The first of the best-of-three finals in the league will be played next Sunday, March 27, between Maccabi Tel Aviv and Hapoel Ramat Gan.

Maccabi, after being nearly frightened out of their wits by Hapoel Holon last Monday night, when they squeaked home by one point with the greatest of luck, came back like tigers on Thursday night to trounce their upstart challengers (12-9). In the second game on Thursday, they jumped to a 20-3 lead, never looked back, and went on to lead 61-36 by the half. Earl Williams, playing with rare caffeine abandon, seemed able to do whatever he pleased. He finished with 25 points and 19 rebounds. Lou Silver, hitting with consistency throughout, garnered 22 points. Mickey Berkowitz got 21 and Aulcie Perry 20. But Holon's Ophir Yaacobi led both teams with 37 points.

During the second half, with the pressure off, coach Ralph Klein at long last had a rare opportunity to experiment with his bench, and used many unusual combinations of players.

Although Hapoel Ramat Gan had literally blown their cross-town rivals Maccabi off the Hapoel court by 32 points in their first encounter, they faced a much more difficult task playing in Maccabi's own band-box at Kfar Maccabiah. But, in the end, Hapoel's overall strength pulled them through to another victory, 82-76. Korky Nelson came on strong with 23 points and 10 rebounds. He gave Cliff Pondexter (22 points and 14 rebounds) the kind of support Pondexter needed to offset Maccabi's ebullient Carl Amos. Hapoel were 40-29 ahead at the half, but some brilliant shooting by Doron Jamchee (28 points) enabled them to claw their way back into the match. But then Nelson's final, three-point play put the game out of reach for Maccabi.

Celtics tear Nets

NEW YORK (AP). — The Boston Celtics, who aren't accustomed to fighting for second place, took it out on the team trying to match them.

The New Jersey Nets hoped to take advantage of a Boston slump to pull within two games of the Celtics in the Atlantic Division instead found themselves four games behind after a 116-103 defeat on Friday night.

The victory snapped a four-game losing streak for Boston, their longest in four National Basketball Association seasons. The Celtics did it with the kind of intensity to which fans have become accustomed while the team won three straight Division Championships and one NBA title.

Larry Bird scored 23 points and keyed two Boston rallies that put away New Jersey.

He had six points during a 14-2 Celtics run that turned a 19-19 tie into a 33-21 lead. Then, after the Nets scored the first eight points of the second half to trim a 17-point deficit, Boston responded with an 8-0 run of its own, as Bird scored seven. Kevin McHale added 19 points on 8-for-12 shooting for the Celtics.

The final margin was the closest New Jersey got after Bird restored the 17-point lead.

Other NBA Action
Sonics blasted Nuggets 147-117; Lakers thumped Kings 109-94; Rockets edged out Warriors 122-120; Knicks shot past the Bulls 106-100; Pistons pounded the Bucks 103-99; Hawks flew past Cavaliers 97-73; Bulls stomped past the Trailblazers 117-101.



(Top) Fans of Hapoel Jerusalem exult as (lower) Zion Marili scores from the penalty spot despite the desperate dive of Shimshon goalkeeper Yitzhak Nanaish

Glory for Jerusalem

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Yesterday was one of the most momentous days in the history of Jerusalem soccer. Betar Jerusalem, back to playing their best soccer, won their third consecutive game in the space of one week by defeating Hapoel Tel Aviv 2-0 before 10,000 at the Bloomfield Stadium. The nine points won in these games have taken Betar from bottom place to 9th in the National League. But other Jerusalem fans, those supporting Hapoel, also had something to cheer about yesterday. Hapoel scored a 1-0 home win over in form Shimshon, to move up the table to 13th position. Yesterday's results also brought about a reshuffle near the top of the table, Maccabi Tel Aviv returning to second spot after a 1-0 away win at Lod.

The team that stands in second place after next week's games will qualify to join Maccabi Netanya in this year's European Intertoto competition in summer.

An outstanding game by schemer Uri Malmillian inspired Betar Jerusalem to play their best game of the season. Betar were in control throughout, but for 60 odd minutes their fans feared that lack of bite in attack would again lose them points. Then in the 62nd minute, Nahum Tashma hooked in a headed pass by Hagan Azulai, and in the 80th minute, Shimshon, Kirat cracked on the second goal from a Malmillian pass. Hapoel were only a shadow of the team that outclassed Maccabi Tel Aviv at this ground last Tuesday.

At the YMCA ground, Hapoel Jerusalem had the edge over Shimshon otherwise it was only through a penalty in the 82nd minute that the home side collected their three points. Zion Marili made no mistake with the spot kick. Like Hapoel Tel Aviv, Shimshon suffered a transformation for the worse from their play of the last couple of weeks.

Referee Yitzhak Ben Yitzhak, one of the most controversial in Israeli football, sent off Shlomo Mizrahi of Shimshon after Ben Yitzhak had whistled to end the game.

Last season's champions Hapoel Kfar Sava, who have been having relegation worries this season, scored 2-0 away win over Maccabi Jaffa, who now foot the table. In the 3rd minute, Yigal Hillel put Kfar Sava in front and Eli Yanni made it 2-0 just before halftime.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Hap. TA 9, Betar J 2
Hap. J 1, Shimshon 0
Netanya 2, Hap. RG 1
Lod 0, Mac. TA 1
Beit Yehuda 2, Yavne 1
Jaffa 1, Hap. Sava 2
Mac. Haifa 2, Yotza 1
Beersheba 1, Mac. PT 1

SECOND DIVISION

Acra 1, Rishon 0
Hap. PT 1, Hap. Haifa 0
Tel Hadya 1, Betar TA 2
Hahana 1, Betar Ramat 1
Ashdod 1, Hadya 1
K. Shimon 1, Beit Shean 0
U. Nazareth 1, Beit Shean 0
Ramat Amidar 1, Shifram 1

STANDINGS, after 22 games

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	D	L	G.	P.
1. Netanya	16	3	3	46:24	51
2. Mac. TA	9	9	4	24:11	36
3. Hap. TA	10	6	6	18:15	36
4. Shimshon	9	8	5	27:19	35
5. Beersheba	7	10	5	20:17	31
6. Beit Yehuda	7	9	6	18:18	30
7. Mac. PT	7	9	6	20:22	30
8. Mac. Haifa	6	10	6	20:22	28
9. Betar J'm	5	10	7	26:27	25
10. Yavne	4	12	6	19:24	24
11. Kfar Sava	5	8	9	24:27	23
12. Hap. RG	4	11	7	11:16	23
13. Hap. J'm	6	5	11	21:34	23
14. Lod	4	10	8	23:23	22
15. Yotza	3	11	8	15:21	20
16. Jaffa	3	11	8	15:21	20

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	G.	P.
1. Betar TA	11	8	3	27:20	41
2. Ramat Amidar	12	4	6	31:19	40
3. Hahana	10	8	4	30:18	38
4. Hap. Haifa	10	7	5	25:27	37
5. Ashdod	9	10	3	20:10	35
6. Rishon	10	5	7	34:20	35
7. Hap. PT	9	7	6	17:16	34
8. U. Nazareth	8	7	7	30:36	31
9. Betar Ramat	7	9	6	26:31	30
10. Hadya	11	4	5	35:20	29
11. Beit Shean	5	9	8	18:21	24
12. K. Shimon	5	9	8	14:22	24
13. Beit Shean	5	12	13	23:28	20
14. Shifram	3	8	11	16:28	17
15. Tel Hadya	2	8	12	11:31	14
16. Acra	3	6	13	12:25	12

Everton hold Liverpool

LONDON (AP). — English soccer league leaders Liverpool were held to a scoreless draw by Everton before a crowd of 44,700 yesterday.

Determined to avoid a repetition of the 5-0 "whitewash" they received at Liverpool's hands earlier in the season, Everton defended in numbers and frustrated Liverpool's attacks.

The dog-fight at the bottom of the League's First Division intensified as none of the bottom six clubs managed a victory. Most disappointed must have been Norwich, who surrendered a two-goal lead to Notts County.

Second in the league Watford lost a scrappy game by the only goal scored to Tottenham, Marlon Falco getting his first goal of the season for Spurs.

Brighton shook Manchester United, the cup favourites, with a goal from Gattin in the sixth minute. But United grabbed the equaliser in the 57th minute when Albiston hammered in a short-range shot. Neither team impressed in what could be a Cup Final rehearsal.

DIVISION 1

Aston	4	Luton	0
Aston Villa	4	Coventry	0
Ipswich	2	Notts F.	0
Liverpool	0	Everton	0
Manchester U.	1	Brighton	1
Notts C.	2	Norwich	2
Southampton	0	Manchester C.	1
Sunderland	1	Swansea	1
Watford	0	Tottenham	1
WBA	2	Birmingham	0
West Ham	1	Sheff.	1

DIVISION 2

Barnley	2	Middlesbrough	0
Barnsley	1	Newcastle	0
Cardiff	3	Blackburn	1
Charlton	0	Leeds	0
Crystal Palace	0	Chelsea	1
Derby	0	Sheff. Wed.	0
Grimsby	1	Wolves	0
Leicester	4	Cambridge	0
Oldham	1	Fulham	1
QPR	1	Sheff. Utd.	0
Sheff. Wed.	1	Bolton	0

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Ups and down for Shlomo

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Shlomo Glickstein scored another remarkable victory in the \$300,000 WCT tournament in Munich when he beat Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia in the second round 4-6, 6-1, 6-4. But he then blotted his copybook by losing to Texan Phil Scanlon 6-2, 2-6, 6-4. Smid is 21 in the ATP rankings, Scanlon is 29, and Glickstein is 40. Glickstein's two great victories in Germany were worth \$8,000 in prize money, his biggest jackpot since last summer.

In other matches in the tournament, Mark Dickson upset Kevin Curran 7-6, 6-4, and Vitas

Gerulaitis lost to Brian Teacher 6-7, 6-2, 6-3.

Glickstein now travels to Milan to play in the \$365,000 CUORE Tennis Cup. His first match will be against Australian veteran, Mark Edmondson.

In women's tennis, experience helped Billy Jean King in her 6-4, 6-3 win over young Kathy Horvath in the \$150,000 Boston Virginia Slims tournament. Tracy Austin advanced to the semi-finals over a determined Betsy Nagelsen 6-3, 6-3. Australian Wendy Turnbull eliminated American Barbara Potter 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, and West German Sylvia Hanika defeated Wendy White 6-3, 7-6 (7-5).

Capital tennis for long-starved capital

By ORI LEWIS

In tailor-made weather, the exception recently, the Tennis Centre in Jerusalem handled a full timetable of matches in two separate tournaments over the weekend. Both tournaments included many of Israel's top men and women players.

In the third and final Snauert Sabena League Stars tournament, Shachar Perks overwhelmed Tommy Frischer 6-2, 6-3 in a rather one-sided match that did not last much more than an hour. The semi-finals on Friday, however, were more evenly balanced with Perks just edging out Shai Puni in a high-class encounter, the score was 7-5, 6-4. The other semi-final was a superb and very sporting match in which Frischer displayed true grit to outdo the crowd's favourite Ilan Sher 6-7, 6-1, 6-4. Sher, who appears to be returning to form after finishing his university studies, was a little less accurate than Frischer in his aggressive serve and volley game. The match lasted 2 hours and 45 minutes.

The women's final was a contest between Rakefet Binyamini, Israel's No. 1 woman player, and the up and coming Sagit Doron. This was a marathon lasting almost three and a half hours, and it went on late into the evening. Binyamini came out on top in the end, for the

third time in the series. The score was 6-1, 6-7, 6-3. Doron fought until the bitter end but her very stylish game just lacked the extra bit of bite needed to down Binyamini.

Doron found some consolation, however, because she won the girls' under-18 final in the sixth Gali Grand Prix series. Both Sagit Doron and her opponent Sarit Shalev had easy passages to the final, in which Doron proved too strong and too elegant for Shalev, the score being 6-3, 6-4. Also in the girls' under-18 division, the local Ilana Efraimi took very respectable fourth place, surprising Shirley Shek in a long three-setter late on Friday night. She then lost to Ruchi Sverdlhoff in the match for third place.

In the boys' under-18 competition Menashe Tzur lived up to expectations and beat Oded Yavon 6-2, 6-4.

The boys' under-14 division was won easily by the latest of Israel's young, very hopeful players, Raviv Weinfeld, who lost only six games in all his matches, including the final, in which he outplayed Boaz Marenstiel of Jaffa 6-1, 6-2.

The girls' under-14 final was won by Dafna Koriat, who kept her cool against the fiery Zohar Gal-On. She lost the first set by just one break, 6-4, but won the second by the same score, and in the final set Koriat demolished her opponent 6-2.

This was the most eventful and intensive weekend of tennis ever seen in the capital. When the next event comes Jerusalem's way, the impressive Jerusalem Tennis Centre can expect large crowds for similar matches in the future.

Tennis responds to spring

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The busiest spring season by far in the history of Israeli tennis gets under way this morning, with the start of the Israel Tennis Association's traditional Pessah National Junior Championships at four venues in the Tel Aviv area.

Within the next seven weeks, this country will host no less than four big international events involving dozens of players from abroad, in addition to the annual Pessah tournaments for adults as well as juniors.

Nearly 700 boys and girls are competing in the youth meet, which begins at 8 a.m. today at the Israel Tennis Centre's Ramat Hasharon and Jaffa courts, together with Tel Aviv's Maccabi Tzafon Club and Kiryat HaTennis in Hadar Yosef. The tournament manager is Ilan Ben-Ami.

Apart from the \$26,000 offered in prize money by the sponsors, the Discount Bank, to the winners, runners-up and semi-finalists in boys' and girls' under-18 and 16 singles events, corresponding players in three younger age categories will be awarded with trips to France next month to play in tournaments.

The successful Israeli will be going to Paris under an exchange agreement between the ITA and the French Tennis Federation, following the visit here last spring of a group of French juniors.

The climax of the spring season comes with the May 6-7 friendly international between Israel and the U.S., with the guests being represented at the Davis Cup-style encounter by Mel Purcell and Chip Hooper, two of the most exciting young Americans on the pro circuit. Israel's team in the five-match series at the Ramat Hasharon Tennis Centre's "Canada Stadium" will be Glickstein and Shachar Perks. The event is taking place within the framework of the 12th Hapoel Games.

Purcell, winner of the 1981 Volvo Grand Prix at Ramat Hasharon, is currently 26 on the ATP computer. Hooper, rated the best black tennis player since the great Arthur Ashe, is 37 in the standings.

The annual Pessah International Championships for adults starts at Ramat Hasharon on March 29, with the entries including 15 players from West Germany and Swedish star Per-Ola Lindqvist, 19, winner of the International Tennis Federation's first Junior World Ranking Circuit tournament here in 1981.

Lindqvist will remain for the Tennis Association's \$25,000 Dubai Cup ATP association of Tennis Professionals tournament being held at the Ashkelon Tennis Centre from April 11 to 16, with Shlomo Glickstein as the No. 1 seed. Lindqvist's registration on Friday brought the number of participants to 13 from six countries. ITA General-Secretary Zvi Maeyer told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Others signing up last week were South African Grand Prix racketeer Danie Visser and Eddie Edwards. The February 25 issue of the ATP's official newspaper *International Tennis Weekly* carries a lengthy front page feature on Visser's success story, which saw him rise from 271 to 80 in the ATP world singles rankings last year. Registration for the Ashkelon event closes at the end of March, and the tournament is to start with a two-day qualifying meet in singles for the main 32-draw.

The hectic action moves to Jerusalem on April 20 for the opening of this year's junior world ranking circuit's two-tournament series in Israel, which is again being organized for the International Federation by the ITA. After a five-day meet at the Jerusalem Tennis Centre, the second meet is scheduled for Tel Aviv.

Coe again

OSLO (Reuters). — Sebastian Coe of Britain set a world best indoor time for the 1,000m, running for England against Norway here yesterday.

Coe's time of two minutes 18.58 seconds was well inside the old record of 2:19.1 set seven years ago by Paul-Heinz Wellmann of West Germany.

Coe holds the world outdoor record for 1,000m, with a time of 2:12.18.

Stars shine in rugby

Post Sports Reporter

Two players dominated the scoring in Jerusalem's first rugby double-header at the Givat Ram stadium yesterday. Full-back Alan Omsky scored all Hapoel Haogen's points in their 15-12 victory over Tel Aviv ASA, while Hebrew University flyhalf Mark Collins notched up the even dozen in their 28-12 loss against Kibbutz Yizre'el.

The well-drilled Tel Aviv pack dominated the first half of their match against Haogen allowing the magic boot of fly-half Gadi Meyer to put over three drop goals in succession. Coming into the second half with the three-point deficit after a try by Omsky, which he also converted, Haogen put on the pressure and Tel Aviv wilted.

A revamped Jerusalem team held the league champions and current leaders Yizre'el well into the second half when the score stood at 13-12. But then the well-oiled champions moved into top gear and ran out clear winners, with Noam Rosenberg and John Bodenstein each scoring two tries and the ever-reliable boot of Ophir Levy putting over the kicks.

The local rugby action winds up on April 9 with the Dudi Silbowitz Memorial seven-a-side tournament. Details Zimra-Kibbutz Yizre'el. Telephone 065-94036.



Yizre'el lock Jim Chris takes the ball against Jerusalem's Joseph Koven in Yizre'el's 28-12 victory at the Givat Ram stadium yesterday. Both players were named for the national squad to play in the Hapoel Games. (Nochomovitz)

The league games were followed by a trial match, after which 24 players were named for a national squad which will begin training for the rugby section of the Hapoel Games in early May.

Germans win hockey match

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Frankfurt men's field hockey team yesterday overcame the unfamiliar heat here to score a well-earned 2-0 victory over an Israeli representative side at the Tel Aviv University Sports Stadium.

Earlier, the West German women's side — reinforced by players from Holland, Denmark and Israel to form something of an international team — had been held to a goalless draw by a local invitation XI. The hosts came through 1-0 when the sides met last week.

Under the captaincy of full-back Dieter Oelichsel, the Frankfurt men's side impressed with their fine team-work and aggressive approach. The Israelis, led by right-half Leon Lipworth, found it difficult to reproduce the fine form they showed in the first contest, and what chances they had were ruined by poor finishing. Both the guest team's goals followed short corners, with the first scored by Oelichsel and the second coming from

forward Dieter Burkert.

Frankfurt's victory-margin would have been much larger but for brilliant goalkeeping by Israeli custodian Adam Weltman. Others to catch the eye were Lipworth, right-half Noel Salmon and Erez Feldman. Feldman was one of three players from the IHA's Youth League introduced into the representative XI by national coaches Salmon and Neville Berman, the others being Leon Wende and Darryl Edelstein, who both made promising debuts.

IHA Chairman Berel Berman yesterday accepted an invitation from tour manager Kurd-Roland Roessler to send an Israeli team for a return visit to Frankfurt. This will probably be as part of a tour of Germany and Holland planned for next year or 1985, Berman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Caesarea golf

CAESAREA. — Friday's Bestball golf tournament resulted in a well-deserved victory for Brian Landen and Brian Fine, who turned in a 12 under par 61 net.

Yesterday's individual event was won by Solly Friedman with a level par 73 net.

Kiwis win again

NAPIER, New Zealand (AP). — An unbeaten 87-run fourth wicket partnership between brothers Martin and Jeff Crowe swept New Zealand to an easy seven-wicket win over Sri Lanka in a one day cricket match here yesterday.

New Zealand, replying to Sri Lanka's 167 for eight, took only 36.4 overs to reach their target of 168, for the loss of three wickets.

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Weinberger's game

VERY STRANGE things are happening in Washington. There is a president who has openly designated Israel as an "ally." There is a Secretary of State seemingly willing to be reasonable not only on the need for Israel to withdraw from Lebanon, but also on the need for such a withdrawal not to leave Israel worse off than it was before the Lebanese War. And there is a Secretary of Defence intent on treating Israel virtually as an enemy.

That such sharply contrasting views can exist within an administration is a domestic American matter. But the impact on policy is not. Mr. Caspar Weinberger, as was stated in Washington last week by a critic, has imposed what amounts to a boycott on Israel. When Arik Sharon was Israel's defence minister this was interpreted as deriving from Sharon's abrasive behaviour, rhetoric and policy.

But at the Pentagon, nothing has changed since Sharon's departure. Quite the contrary. The U.S. Marine contingent in Beirut, directly under Mr. Weinberger's supervision, has been under strict orders, from the start, to avoid all friendly contact with Israel. The Marine officers are under orders not to liaise with Israeli field commanders, unlike the French, Italian and British contingents in the multi-national force in Beirut. They are under orders not to interfere with terrorists, who seek the protection of their lines either to attack or escape from Israeli patrols.

And now they seem to be, if not under orders, then self-persuaded by the attitude at the Pentagon, to blame Israel for the attacks that have recently been perpetrated against Marines (and other contingents as well) in West Beirut.

The job of the Marines in Beirut is admittedly frustrating. They are directed to keep peace. But they are also under great pressure to avoid getting hurt, for any casualties would have very unfavourable repercussions in American public opinion, and especially in Congress. This is not an enviable task, especially for an elite and proud fighting force like the Marines.

They have been encouraged, therefore, by their orders, by their frustration, by the atmosphere created by Mr. Weinberger, to vent their feelings against the Israel Defence Forces, who, under constant threat in hostile territory, face entirely different problems.

The result is that the Marines, officers and men, have developed a decidedly anti-Israeli cast. Even American travellers from Beirut have been astounded by the depth of the hostility that has been permitted to develop. These attitudes were given further legitimacy last week by the letter of the Marine commandant, General Robert Barrow, first leaked by the Pentagon, and then, fully publicized, charging Israel with deliberately trying to provoke the Marines for "obscene political reasons."

That this letter was aired a day after Marines were wounded in Beirut in a terrorist attack seemed not to deter the general's Pentagon superiors. This exquisite timing does deserve to be considered replete with "obscene political reasons."

Now Defence Minister Moshe Arens has again urged Mr. Weinberger to permit regular field liaison between the IDF and the Marines to prevent further misunderstandings. Since such liaison with the British, French and Italian units has seemed to prevent the frictions of which the Marines complain, there must be profound reasons indeed why Mr. Weinberger has so steadfastly rejected the idea.

Whatever those reasons are, they have nothing to do with the word "ally." But they also have nothing to do with rational military management. And that must be an indictment of any defence secretary, no matter what his policies or prejudices.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS THERE WERE never any Jews in Jerusalem until 1917. This is an inescapable conclusion from a Jordan TV exercise in history telecast on Sunday, March 13. It was entitled "Jerusalem — an Arab City" — Jordan TV's spelling is as accurate as its history.

According to that version of history, the city was founded 6,000 years ago by "an Arab Palestinian tribe called the Jebusites." About half of the "special documentary programme" was devoted to the history, life-style and folkways of the "Jebusite Arabs," who "made Jerusalem the holy site it is when they built in it a temple to their god Shalim and named the city Ur Shalim in his honour. Ever since then the city has been a sacred destination for pilgrims the world over," maintains Jordan TV.

The Jebusites dressed like "Palestinian Arabs still do today," built much the same sort of house, had the same style of furniture and ate the same foods. There was even a recipe for a Jebusite dish — lamb cooked in lemon juice, if I am not mistaken.

From the Jebusite period, Jordan TV leaped in a single bound all the way to 691 C.E. and the construction of the Dome of the Rock by the Moslems. Here came the first mention of Christianity, with pictures of Jesus on the cross and the assertion

that the Moslems "allowed full freedom of worship to the Christian Arabs of Jerusalem. Never before in the annals of mankind was there such a display of humanism and liberalism."

The next leap in the Jordan TV time machine took viewers to the beginning of the British Mandate, which was berated for having allowed the "Zionist expansionist foreigners into the Arab city." Swiftly reaching 1948, the announcer related that all of the many thousands of Arab inhabitants of modern Jerusalem had been expelled by the Zionists and "for the first time in 6,000 years, no Arabs were living in modern Jerusalem." S.H.

PS THE "BEAUTIFUL People, United People" voluntary movement based in Tel Aviv has asked President Yitzhak Navon to serve as honorary president of the organization after he retires from Beit Hanassi in May. Naomi Shadmi, secretary of the movement dedicated to improving the quality of life in Israel, expressed the group's appreciation of Navon's service and for "allowing many to carry their heads high even during difficult times." The group called on Navon to continue to work to reduce internal strife and to improve the quality of life. J.S.I.

IN THE immediate aftermath of Operation Peace for Galilee, the Israeli Government indicated that relations between Lebanon and Israel should now be defined in a peace treaty. The state of war initiated in 1948 by Lebanon (in conjunction with five other Arab states), which had resulted in a long-term armistice, would finally be terminated by the concluding of a formal peace.

There was a logic to the Israeli demand. Throughout the course of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Arab states had consistently refused to conclude a peace treaty with Israel, as this would constitute a formal act of recognition of the Jewish state.

For the same reason, Arab negotiators had steadfastly refused even to meet and negotiate directly with Israeli representatives. The struggle over Israel's right to exist and be accepted as an integral part of the Middle East scene was thus reflected in this macabre procedural dispute.

If, as President Sadat said, the Arab-Israeli dispute was 90 per cent psychological, then that psychological barrier could only be removed if the parties were able to come together and negotiate directly face-to-face. The end result of such negotiations had to be a peace treaty, which would put an Arab stamp of legitimacy upon Israel's presence in the Middle East.

Israel's existence was not dependent on Arab acquiescence; but peace requires a measure of mutual recognition between Israel and the Arab states. Whatever else a peace treaty would signify, it would at least establish Israel's credentials as a state in the region, an entity with which the Arab states had come to terms.

FEW THINGS so enhance the public's regard for spiritual office as the incumbents' humble protestations of their own unworthiness to hold it.

Outgoing Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and Ovadia Yosef lent a novel interpretation to this time-honoured tradition by protesting everybody else's unworthiness for the office, including for so many years, each other's. They vacated their lofty posts maintaining they were irreplaceable even as they were replaced.

Indeed one of the last services to the public Chief Rabbi Goren reportedly provided was to tell a delegation of war widows, who had appealed to him to find a way to allow them legally to remarry by adjusting the halacha requirements, that he was unable to do anything for them.

Goren reportedly informed them that because the religious camp in Israel has embarked on a consistent course toward the extreme, no rabbi in Israel now dared to give a liberal

The essential need: a peace treaty

By SHLOMO SLONIM

It was for this reason that President Lyndon Johnson, in his famous Five Point peace plan of June 1967, stated:

"Clearly the parties to the conflict must be the parties to the peace. Sooner or later, it is they who must make a settlement in the area. It is hard to see how it is possible for nations to live together in peace, if they cannot learn to reason together."

And for the same reason, President Jimmy Carter insisted that the Camp David negotiations must result in a formal peace treaty if they were to have an enduring effect on the Arab-Israeli dispute. No oral agreement or "common understanding" could fulfil that purpose. A formal agreement would give substance to the new reality of peace. THIS, of course, explains much of the fierceness of the attacks on President Sadat from Arab Rejectionist states for concluding a peace treaty with Israel. It was not so much his concessions — in relation to the Palestinians, or Jerusalem or any other specific issue — but the fact that he was prepared to accord Israel recognition that aroused their wrath.

In this regard, it might be recalled that when Sadat first hinted that he was prepared to recognize the fact of an Israeli state, his then foreign secretary Riad claimed that Sadat had only intended to acknowledge that reality as something that had to be eliminated, i.e., as one recognizes a foe in order to destroy him.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty of March 1979 referred in its preamble to the Camp David Agreement, which was "intended to constitute a basis for peace not only between Egypt and Israel, but also between Israel and each of its other Arab neighbours." The treaty was to be merely the forerunner of a series of such peace treaties, which would consummate an overall Middle-East peace settlement.

Conclusion of the war in Lebanon represented the second favourable occasion for the signing of a peace treaty between Israel and an Arab state. Normalization of relations between this country and Lebanon would follow as a matter of course. And the way would be paved for a formal peace with Jordan as well.

The entire Middle East scene would be revolutionized and a great step forward taken towards eliminating the Arab-Israeli dispute as an abiding focus of international affairs.

This logic, however, does not appear to have impressed itself upon officials in either Washington or Whitehall. State Department officers warned that should Lebanon conclude a peace with Israel, it would become isolated in the Arab world, and Beirut was not strong enough to take an independent stand like Sadat's Egypt had done.

In issuing this warning, these officials repeated the ideas of their predecessors who in 1948-1949 refused to allow King Abdullah of Jordan to sign a peace treaty with Israel, lest he become isolated in the Arab world. Abdullah was never allowed to demonstrate to his subjects the benefits of peace and the follies of a continued state of war.

LONDON and Washington are not alone in their efforts to deter Beirut from agreeing to a peace treaty; Cairo is no less vehement in dissuading Lebanese leaders from taking such a step.

It is well known that many Egyptians, and particularly the intelligentsia, are critical of Egypt's treaty with Israel. Egypt, they claim, has been shunned by the rest of the Arab world, and this is too high a price to pay for peace — the return of the Sinai notwithstanding.

So strong has this domestic criticism been that various commentators have suggested that were it not for the issue of Tabu, Egypt might even be inclined to convert Boutros Ghali's "cold peace" into an open breach with Israel.

Only if other Arab states follow in their footsteps of Egypt in concluding peace with Israel, can that treaty gain strength through reinforcement. Any pause in, or weakening of, the peace process will surely highlight the vulnerability of the Egyptian-Israeli treaty itself. Consequently, Egyptian pressures on Lebanon not to sign a peace treaty would suggest that Egypt seems bent on divesting itself of the burden of a treaty that weighs so heavily on its relations with the Arab world.

In short, any attempt to allow Lebanon to reject, or even postpone, the concluding of a peace treaty with Israel jeopardizes the tenability of the Egyptian-Israeli treaty and poses serious questions about the future course of Middle East relations.

A Lebanese-Israeli peace treaty is essential not merely for its intrinsic value, but also to ensure the continued durability of the Egyptian-Israeli treaty and the general momentum of the whole peace process. This is as vital for the United States as it is for Israel.

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In search of guidance

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Interpretation to halacha. A report of the meeting was broadcast on Israel Television, at prime time, and it has not been denied by Rabbi Goren. We must assume, therefore, it was correct.

If so, it was a sorry admission, and not only because it came from a man who has preached the sanctity of all of Eretz Israel to be fought for by all our young men, save some of those who have withdrawn into the ultra-orthodox yeshivot to await redemption of the land by others, at the State's expense. Is the Land of Israel that they and their rabbis envision to be peopled by war widows forbidden to remarry and have families of their own?

The new chief rabbi, Mordecai

Elihu and Avraham Shapiro must surely be trembling at the enormity of the task that faces them. That task, unfortunately, is not to fill the void left by their predecessors, but rather to make us forget them, as speedily as possible.

One can hope they will not choose the easy, though vain, path of playing to the zealot gallery. That way is not promising, however earnest their efforts may be. They will be ignored, as each holier-than-thou group follows the dictates only of their own particular "rebbe," with nothing but scorn for all others and especially for those "chosen by the irreligious."

Should the new chief rabbi at-

tempt to lead a camp that will not follow, they will also make their high office even more irrelevant to the "secular" population, the vast majority of Israel, whose regard for the chief rabbinate has already plummeted to great depths.

Yet one hopes they will choose to be spiritual guides for all the people, men we can look up to, and not be dismissed with a shrug of the shoulders. Heaven knows we are unworthy. Yet the same tolerance that does not lead them to expect us all to grow beards may let them accept the fact that not everyone is going to observe every detail of the 613 mitzvot. If they understand this, they may yet provide spiritual leadership to the nation.

Halacha is a living set of rules, which can accommodate changing needs, as one of the candidates for the office put it just before the elections. No purpose is served by keeping away those of us who have already distanced ourselves from unbending edicts.

Whether or not we are accepted under their staff, we are here to stay. Even if we can not all be what the chief rabbis would ideally have us be, we could at least honour their office, were it made into an institution to be honoured.

Very few of us will don hair shirts and walk to Jerusalem with pebbles in our boots, but very many of us want to look up for guidance. When we raise our faces may we hope that the chief rabbis will be there above us, forgiving our trespasses, understanding our weaknesses, and lighting our darkness, though we are unworthy of their compassion.

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READERS' LETTERS

CARTER, DAYAN AND THE SETTLEMENT FREEZE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — One can express only total amazement at the naivety of the editorial writer who, taking Jimmy Carter at his word, cites an even more dubious source — Moshe Dayan — to substantiate Carter's claims about Camp David allegedly imposing a permanent settlement freeze in the West Bank ("Carter's word" — March 13). Even Anwar Sadat, whom Carter idolized, wrote that the freeze was to be limited to a three-month period.

If your editorial writer is, indeed, interested in exposing betrayed assurances, a fertile field to write about would be Carter's long list of promises made to American Jewry about what he would do in the Middle East if he were elected.

Carter, who "deeply deplored" Israel's invasion of Lebanon, was president when the worst massacres

were carried out in that country by the PLO and the Phalangists. Did he ever utter a word of protest?

Carter — who inexplicably was honoured by Tel Aviv University, is now meeting with King Hussein of Jordan to persuade him to join the autonomy talks. Under Jordanian law, a Jew cannot become a Jordanian citizen. Has Carter ever protested against that blatant racism?

In your report of March 11, you noted that "the President spoke in a hard-hitting manner, although the famous Carter smile never left his face." One is reminded of the line from Hamlet: "A man may smile, and smile, and be a villain."

ELIEZER WHARTMAN
Jerusalem.

Sir, — I would like to correct one erroneous statement in your

DEFIANCE OF THE LAW

conviction and courage to get up and say: "Colleagues, think for a minute what you are doing!" This open, organized defiance of the law makes me fear for the future of this country.

Surely denying the doctors' Hippocratic oath and depriving the public of vital medical services are sufficiently lethal steps and will cause needless suffering. How can a true doctor reconcile this thought with his conscience?

But even more lethal to the society in which we live is this display of contempt for the law and the back-to-work orders legally issued.

editorial of March 13, "Carter's word." Contrary to what Mr. Carter may or may not have understood, the late Moshe Dayan did not interpret the settlement freeze which was agreed with Mr. Begin, to have meant that it would last throughout the entire peace process.

The opposite is true. A few hours after the end of the Camp David conference, I was personally briefed by Dayan on its outcome (the late foreign minister's chief-of-cabinet, Elyakim Rubinstein, was also present at the briefing). About the settlement freeze, Dayan gave me the following explanation (and I quote verbatim): "As we assume that the negotiations will last about three months, we have agreed that there won't be any settlements during this period."

ZALMAN SHOVAL
Tel Aviv.

REJECTING THE PROPHETS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I am appalled by the recent decision made by Young Israel of America to invite Arik Sharon as guest of honour at its 71st convention on March 20. How can a religious organization supposedly based on the principles of "Torah-true Judaism" justify such a move at this time? According to The Jerusalem Post, Harold Jacobs, president of the organization, remarked: "We will give Sharon a royal welcome, as befits one of the greatest Israeli heroes and the architect of the brilliant victory in Lebanon."

One would assume that an Orthodox Jewish group would consider carefully the person on whom it wishes to bestow such honours. How can Harold Jacobs and Young

Israel ignore the findings of the Kahan Commission? The commission stated conclusively that the former defence minister is directly responsible for not having done more to prevent the massacre of Palestinian civilians by the Phalangists in Sabra and Shatila.

Young Israel of America, in claiming to represent an authentic Judaism, has rejected the prophetic call for justice. Its invitation to Arik Sharon repudiates the attempt by the Kahan Commission to ensure the moral and ethical standards of Israeli society. Celebrating Arik Sharon contradicts Micah's call: "To do justice, love mercy and walk humbly before your God."

RABBI JONATHAN PERLMAN
Beersheva.

RESPECT FOR WOMEN MKS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Whether satire hits the mark and jokes are funny is a matter of taste, and I will therefore refrain from commenting on The Post's Purim section as a whole. But the picture-collage of two women members of the Knesset cannot be passed over in silence.

The low percentage of women members in the Israeli parliament is a fact every Israeli should be

ashamed of. Why heap more shame on Israel by not showing these women minimal respect? If you seek to be funny — try to be humorous without denigrating women's bodies. Or, alternatively, why not show Minister Burg in a bathing suit as a funny comment on Sadat's rules of dress for Knesset members?

ANITA GOLDMAN
Jerusalem.

HUMANITARIAN INTEREST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — There has been much humanitarian interest in the case of Palestinian refugees. Where is that same interest for the Bangladesh refugees in India, the refugees from Nigeria, the slaughtered masses of Afghanistan?

Can it be that fine humanitarian instincts can only be aroused if accompanied by hatred of Jews?

AHUVA LEVY
Herzliya.

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